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Delegation returns: 'Syria ready for peace'

By LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

A delegation of Israeli Arabs returned from its week-long visit to Syria on Friday and said at Ben-Gurion Airport that Syria is ready for peace, but sees little chance of reaching it under the Netanyahu government.

The 42-member delegation faced strong criticism on its return for the radical pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel statements some members made in Syria.

Labor Party MK Sallah Tarif stressed that in his meetings with President Hafez Assad and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa it was clear that Syria wanted peace but they did not think they would be able to achieve that goal with Netanyahu. Abdel Wahab Darawshe, leader of Israel's Arab

Democratic Party, said that "the Syrians let us know they were very frustrated with Netanyahu's government, and are not hopeful that Netanyahu would be flexible enough to be a true negotiating partner."

MK Nawaf Masalha said Sharaa suggested he was interested in renewing talks, and that the Syrian leader told him that "it would be a miracle if Netanyahu were to sign a peace with Syria, but in the last century we have had a few miracles."

A government spokesman responded that Netanyahu was "ready and willing to sit down and negotiate peace without any prior preconditions."

Tarif said that the contents of a letter written by Labor leader Ehud Barak had been delivered to Assad. But he wouldn't say whether he brought back a response.

Tarif asserted that the fact that the trip had taken

place was its main significance. Tarif, a Druse, is a reserve captain in the IDF. "If I was there, that says it all," he said.

The delegation was also the first of Israeli rep-

resentatives, Jewish or Arab, to hold high-level meetings with Syrian leaders. A small Israeli Arab delegation went to Syria in 1994 to pay respects to Assad after his son Basil died in a car accident.

MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe told reporters the criticism against him in Israel was unjustified.

His call at a refugee camp for the full return of Palestinians to Jerusalem provoked angry condemnations from right and left-wing Knesset members last week.

"It was a mission of goodwill with a message of peace and that's what we delivered," Darawshe said. "We were all very happy with the visit."

Police complaints have been filed against some delegates and there have also been calls to lift some of their Parliamentary immunity.

Tarif said he had been told by non-official sources in Syria that three Israeli soldiers missing since the 1982 Sultan Yakub battle in Lebanon were buried in the Jewish cemetery in Damascus.

Yona Baumei, whose son Zecharia is one of those missing, said that the International Red Cross had disproved that information several

years ago after examining the graves. One grave turned out to contain the body of a fourth soldier, Zohar Lipshitz, who was killed in Lebanon. These remains were returned to Israel two years later and reburied in Holon.

Baumei said "the other bodies were those of Arabs. That means that my son is still considered missing."

Masalha said he also met with Syrian Major General Salah Abd Hai, who told him that as a PLO commander during the Lebanon war, he was involved in the capture of several Israeli servicemen still considered missing by Israel.

Masalha said Abd Hai told him some of the servicemen were buried in the Damascus Jewish cemetery. Abd Hai would not say if any of the others were alive or where they were, he said.

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**Arafat says
Palestinians
would
scrap Oslo
if necessary**

By JAY BUSHINSKY
and news agencies

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's rejection yesterday of Israel's "dictates" that he dismantle the terrorist infrastructure in the areas under his control was dismissed by government officials as mere rhetoric and unworthy of a formal response.

Arafat also said Israel's economic sanctions, particularly the withholding of \$70 million in tax, customs and VAT rebates, are meant to "humiliate the Palestinian people, starve the Palestinian people and make them kneel."

However, he said, "the Palestinian people will not kneel to anyone but God," adding: "The siege will not break us."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "should learn from others and know who the Palestinian people are. He should know who is talking to."

Arafat said the Palestinian people are willing to give up the achievement of the peace accords and return to the hardships of the past if necessary. "We are willing to wipe it all out and start anew."

His remarks were made to a gathering of journalists and intellectuals in Nabulus.

Declaring that the peace process is a "dangerous turn," Arafat said he intends to convene a conclave on Wednesday in which all the political factions in the autonomous areas would be represented.

Arafat told his audience that "we reject the Israeli demands that we act against our brethren and do not intend to accept dictates on this from anyone."

Arafat switched his theme from indignant protest to sarcastic ridicule by referring to Israel as "greater Micronesia."

"The world responded [to Har Homa] in the United Nations by a majority of 134 to three countries: Micronesia, greater Micronesia [Israel], and America," Arafat said, referring to the April 25 General Assembly resolution condemning the construction at Har Homa. The same three countries voted against a similar resolution again in July.

Arafat hailed the Palestinian Police's arrest of three car thieves and their prompt conviction by a Palestinian court for the murder of taxi driver Shmuel Ben-Baruch.

"We implement Palestinian law," he said, "but not the dictates. This is the main basis we had agreed upon with the Israelis and the Americans before."

Spokesmen for the Prime Minister's Office and Foreign Ministry were instructed not to comment about any of the chairman's statements.

A concurrent call for a boycott of Israeli products reportedly made by Arafat's economic adviser, Khaled Islam, also did not evoke an official reaction.

**Three Palestinians
convicted for the murder**

After hours of intensive investigation by security forces and the Palestinian Police, the body of taxi driver Shmuel Ben-Baruch of Jerusalem was found in a cistern in Jericho early yesterday morning.

Ben-Baruch, who had been reported missing Friday morning, was murdered by Palestinians who had stolen his cab and sold it to a "chop shop" near the Palestinian-controlled city for NIS 7,000.

Three Palestinians, who were known to deal in stolen cars, were tried and convicted of the murder by a Palestinian security court yesterday. Two were sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor, and the third, a minor, to 15 years in prison.

Some observers said that the three were tried and sentenced so quickly to head off an Israeli request for their extradition. However, both Science Minister Michael Eitan and David Bar-Ilan, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's communications director, said that the Oslo Accords do not prevent Israel from seeking their extradition, even if they are in a Palestinian prison.

Judea and Samaria police chief Cmdr. Yossi Sidbon described the murder as "criminal," and not a terrorist act. Ben-Baruch's wife Betty expressed anger at this, saying, "If they just wanted his money, they would have taken it and let him live."

The IDF sealed off the Jericho area yesterday and set up roadblocks to check all cars coming in and out of the city.

Ben-Baruch, who is survived by his wife and four children, is to be buried at 1 p.m. today in Jerusalem's Har Hamenuhot cemetery. Betty Ben-Baruch told Israel Radio that ironically, in recent years he had become more and more sympathetic to the Palestinian cause. "I want the Palestinian people to know that he loved Arabs, and I hope that their conscience will not allow them to kill again," she said.

Ben-Baruch, who worked for the Semadar taxi company in the capital's German Colony, called his wife on his cellular phone after midnight Thursday and told her he would be home shortly.

When he had not returned by Friday morning, his family notified police, who began searching for the taxi.

Several hours later, police, who had checked records of the Cellcom phone company, discovered that the call Ben-Baruch made to his wife had been transmitted via the company's relay station at Kibbutz Beit Ha'arava, southeast of Jericho. On this basis, Judea and Samaria police were informed, and were the Palestinian Police. The two forces, along with soldiers and volunteers, began searching roads and wadis in the area.

At about 5:15 Friday afternoon, the Palestinian Police informed their Israeli counterparts that they had found the taxi near the Akbat Jabbar refugee camp in southern Jericho, a site known as a place where stolen cars are dismantled. The blood-stained cab was taken to a police lab in Jerusalem.

The search then focused in



Shmuel Ben-Baruch



Ala Hourri (right), Abdel Ryzak (center), and Iyad Sabab stand before a Palestinian security court in Jericho yesterday. They were convicted of the murder of taxi driver Shmuel Ben-Baruch. (Picture of taxi, Page 2)

Jericho itself. The Palestinian Police said they arrested nearly all suspected stolen car dealers and interrogated them.

After midnight, the Palestinians informed the Israelis that they had three suspects, one of whom had confessed to the murder, and had shown them the empty cistern, in the Hadawa neighborhood in the city's restaurant district, into which he had thrown Ben-Baruch's body.

Upon receiving the information, soldiers, accompanied by members of the Megilot Regional Council's rescue unit, went to the cistern. A rescue unit member went into the cistern and found Ben-Baruch's body. He had been stabbed in the neck with a screwdriver and struck on the head with a rock, Channel 1 reported. The

body was taken to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir for an autopsy.

At around noon yesterday, a Palestinian security court in Jericho convicted Abdel Ryzak, 20, Ala Hourri, 19, and Iyad Abu Sabab, 17, of the murder. Ryzak and Hourri were sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor, and Abu Sabab to 15 years.

The head of the Jericho area's District Coordinating Office, Lt. Col. Pauli, said yesterday that the Palestinian Police performance in the search for Ben-Baruch "was a model of cooperation between the two sides."

He noted that senior Palestinian security officers, including Jibril Rajoub, Amin Hindi, and Tawfik Tirawi, were involved in the

search, demonstrating the seriousness with which the Palestinians related to the case.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani also praised the Palestinian cooperation, though he added: "In this instance, it seems to me it is easier to cooperate because here we are talking about — as it appears now — car thieves who were motivated by money."

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office noted that the quick capture of the murderers proved what the Palestinian Authority can do, when it wants to.

"This is an example of what we expect the PA to do in the future in all security cases," a source said.

Bar-Ilan, however, said that "the speedy capture of the murderers is reminiscent of the case of

the Tzur family [Ita Tzur and her son Ephraim, shot dead as they were driving near Beit El in December], in that the murderers were tried, convicted, and imprisoned, and after a few months they escaped through a bathroom window. I hope that this case ends differently."

"But above all, I hope that the Palestinians are not confusing the nabbing of murderers and car thieves with acting against the terrorist infrastructure, as US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said several days ago that they must."

Meretz MK Ron Cohen demanded that PA Chairman Yasser Arafat commit himself to not pardoning the murderers for any reason. (News agencies)

Graves marked with names of Yemenite children found empty

Investigators have opened several graves of Yemenite Jewish babies believed buried in the 1950s and found they were empty. Channel 1 reported last night.

The discovery seems to support decades-old claims that Yemenite children were taken from their parents for adoption, and their parents told that they had died.

The government appointed a commission to investigate the claims in 1995, and the panel, chaired by former Supreme Court Justice Yehuda Cohen, announced earlier this month it may summon public figures who held key positions at the time to help them resolve the mystery.

The empty graves were opened at the request of family members, in the commission's presence, at the end of last week at Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul cemetery. Rabbi Ya'acov Rova, the halachic adviser to Dan Region cemeteries and Avraham Finkelstein, the director of the cemetery, were also present.

The event was filmed by Channel 1 and

broadcast last night. Parents who were told 40 years ago that their children had died were shown wiping away their tears.

Wooden signs at the supposed gravesites bore the names Ruti Babu, Ruti Cohen, Reuven Rafael, and Moshe Mishrahi.

The children were hospitalized when only a few months old. Their parents were told later that the children died but never saw their bodies or a death certificate.

"Now there is no doubt that this was an affair of planned fraud, in which funerals were staged and evidence was falsified," said Ora Shifrit, a spokeswoman for the Yemenite families.

Knesset members responded with angry calls for further investigation. MK Ran Cohen of Meretz asked the attorney-general to have police investigate the children's whereabouts. MK Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur of the National Religious Party urged the government to step up its probe by appointing a new panel with wider authorities.

In all, the Cohen Commission said August

7 it had probed 687 cases of missing children from the 1948 to 1954 period, and that 73% of cases were Yemenite children. The commission was also investigating a possible link between 830 mysterious adoption cases and missing Yemenite children, the report said.

Families say that at least half the missing children were younger than six months when they disappeared, during the period of mass immigration from Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries. In more than half the cases, the children were missing after being hospitalized for malnutrition or disease.

Camp officials have claimed that many babies died of illnesses, acknowledging that there was some disorganization owing to the impoverished circumstances of the immigrant tent camps.

Two other commissions have investigated some of the cases of missing Yemenite children, but families have dismissed their inconclusive findings as a whitewash. (News agencies)

CPI goes up 1%; Inflation at 10.5%

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) went up by 1 percent in July, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced on Friday.

As a result, wage-earners are to receive a 2.4% increment in their October salaries.

Housing prices were the biggest contributor to the index, going up 2.5% mainly due to the devaluation of the shekel against the dollar in June. The overall index without housing would have risen 0.5% in July.

The index was also boosted by higher prices of food, health, education, culture, and entertainment. The price of cigarettes increased 4.4%.

If not for a seasonal drop in the price of fruits and vegetables (3.1%), the index would have gone up by 1.2%.

The wholesale price index rose 0.9%. Consumer prices have risen

6% since the start of the year, and the annual inflation rate now stands at about 10.5%.

The July CPI was at the low end of economists' expectations.

Economists had said a high CPI would prompt Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel to raise interest rates at the end of the month.

Frenkel slashed the base rate by 1.2 percentage points to 12.7% in mid-June and has held them at that level, despite a high June CPI.

Economists said they expected Frenkel to raise rates by 0.3 to 0.5 percentage points.

The Histadrut slammed the government over the July index, saying it reflects a failed economic policy.

The Histadrut is expected to declare a general labor dispute today to protest government plans for structural reforms in the economy.

NEWS

in brief

Infant burns to death in Beduin camp

A 5-month-old infant burned to death early yesterday morning when his family's shack in the encampment of the Abu Suleb Beduin tribe near Dimona caught fire. The father of the family awakened to discover the fire at about 4:30 a.m. He immediately roused his wife and four other children and got them out of the shack, but when he picked up the baby, he discovered he was dead. The fire was attributed to a short circuit in an electrical appliance. *Itim*

Two killed on roads

Amir Zainev, 20, of Jaffa, was killed in a traffic accident in Tel Aviv on Friday night. Zainev and his brother apparently were speeding on their motorcycles on the Ayalon Freeway when Zainev lost control and was thrown from his bike. Also in Tel Aviv, a Holon man, 75, was fatally injured when his bicycle was struck by a motorcycle. He died shortly thereafter in Ichilov Hospital. *Itim*

Palestinians condemn house demolitions

Palestinians yesterday condemned a wave of Israeli demolitions of Arab houses in east Jerusalem and the West Bank this month as a violation of the Oslo Accords. Ahmed Korei, speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council, urged a halt to the razings which he said caused "excessive humanitarian harm" to Palestinians. *Reuters*

Woman drowns in Kinneret

A 20-year-old woman drowned when she fell off a rubber boat off Migdal Beach on Lake Kinneret yesterday afternoon. Her husband also fell off, but was rescued and taken to Poriya Hospital, where he was reported in good condition. *Itim*

Israel releases Palestinian policeman

A Palestinian policeman, arrested on Thursday on suspicion of firing at an IDF patrol near Gush Katif in Gaza, was released with an apology on Friday. Immediately after the arrest, the Palestinian Police filed a complaint with the District Coordinating Office, saying the policeman had been firing at fleeing Palestinians.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who toured Gaza on Friday, said the soldiers had acted correctly. But, he added, every event must be coordinated with the Palestinian Police in order to prevent unnecessary confrontations. *Itim*

Family suspected of murdering Rahat woman

Police are investigating whether Olaf Abied, 20, was murdered by her relatives. Her mother found her body in her Rahat home on Friday afternoon, and investigators said there were signs of violence on her body. Two of Abied's relatives were arrested on Friday on suspicion of murder. *Itim*

2 border police confess to beatings

Border policeman Nissim Adotlar, 20, said that he and fellow officer Shai Astmakan, 22, have confessed to and expressed regret for brutally abusing two Palestinians.

Yehoshua Gold Appel, head of the National Police Investigation Unit, said that he has evidence that they and a third suspect had committed similar crimes in the past.

On Friday, Jerusalem Magistrate's Court remanded Astmakan and Adotlar for three more days. A third border policeman involved in the incident turned himself in to police over the weekend.

A soldier who witnessed the incident is to testify today.

The four had picked up Ahmed Mousa, 19, and his cousin Mahmoud Ghneim, 27, both of Kafr al-Hadr, near Beit Safafa, and taken them to a spot near the Beit Shemesh forest on Tuesday, according to Jerusalem Police Investigations head Hori Zayid. The three then beat them, seriously injuring them and ignoring Mousa's pleas for mercy because he has heart problems.

The border policemen then tied one of the men to a jeep by his feet and dragged him for several hundred meters, Zayid said.



An official leads border policemen Nissim Adotlar (middle) and Shai Astmakan (right) away from Jerusalem Magistrate's Court after their remand hearing on Friday. (Brian Hender)

Astmakan also threatened to respond to Astmakan's order to stand up after being beaten. The border policemen then abandoned the two men in the forest. Mousa and Ghneim made their way to the main road, attracted the attention of passersby, and were taken to the hospital. *(Itim)*

4 yeshiva students remanded over gas station attendant slaying

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Jerusalem Magistrate's Court on Friday extended by four days the remand of four yeshiva students suspected of killing an Arab gas station attendant.

Mahmoud Abu Sara, 74, was killed Tuesday when he tried to stop the students who drove out of the Sheikh Jarrah gas station in east Jerusalem without paying, police said.

According to witnesses, Abu Sara hung onto the car's open window, but was dragged several hundred meters before being knocked off as it passed close to another car.

Judge Yehzekel Barkai called the incident "grave" and said it appeared that "a man was killed for no reason... by youths who possibly did not realize what the terrible consequences of their actions would be."

Prosecutors are considering charging the students with murder, a police spokesman said. He said that police will ask the court tomorrow to refuse bail and order the four detained until trial.

Nafali Wertzberger, attorney for the student who drove the car, said his client tried to get away from the gas station because he feared they would come under attack. "That is what the other passengers yelled to him. It was late at night and they were in a hostile neighborhood," Wertzberger told Israel Radio.

IAF hits Palestinian bases in Lebanon

Air force fighter-bombers yesterday launched two strikes against a Palestinian terrorist base south of Beirut, Lebanese security officials said.

The strikes, which occurred within two hours of each other, were the second attack in eight days on the hilltop base at Naameh, 16 kilometers south of the capital.

The planes fired missiles at a depot of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

The IDF Spokesman said all planes returned safely to their base and the pilots reported direct hits on the target.

An Associated Press photographer who saw the strikes said there were no casualties.

The target appeared to be the entrance to concrete tunnels in which the PFLP-GC is believed to store weapons and equipment.

The PFLP-GC issued no immediate comment on the raids. *(News agencies)*

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW MICHAEL YUDELMAN

The weekend media focused on US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit, due next month, and its political implications.

It will not be a relaxed visit of politeness, predicts Ma'ariv's Ben Caspit, but a tight and stiff shuttle. Albright will arrive with a plan, a schedule, demands, defined conditions, and an American ultimatum.

In other words, he writes, Albright is coming to make order. Her visit is to set the agenda of the final status negotiations, create their apparatus, define the format, conditions, schedule, goals, and required achievements.

Netanyahu won't like the proposal which Albright is bringing, says Uzi Benziman in Ha'arets. It will include deciding on a six-month period for the final status negotiations. During this period, Israel will avoid "significant" construction in the settlements and will halt the building on Har Homa to a "significant" extent.

These commitments will not be publicly announced by the government, but appear in letters which the Americans will transfer to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

If this plan is put into effect, Netanyahu will have to deal at the end of it with the American demand to transfer 15 percent of the West Bank to the Palestinians as the second "pullback" and implement the first pullback, altogether giving the Palestinians 42 percent of the West Bank.

Jewish morality

What is Jewish morality, asks Nahum Berman in Yediot Aharanot, relating the tale of Yehzekel Shemesh-Halevy, whom the closure prevented from paying wages to his Palestinian worker, a father of 14.

Shemesh-Halevy appealed to Meretz leader Yossi Sarid for help, not wanting to violate the Torah law prohibiting withholding a worker's wages. He wrote of his efforts, thwarted by the military authorities, to transfer the money to the worker, stressing the worker deserves this money by right and no man has the right to deprive him of it.

Sarid made a few phone calls. Berman writes, and as far as he knows the money was transferred. But the question remains open.

"Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, for instance, is a very religious Jew, who cuts meetings short to fulfill his obligations to his maker, who would not miss one word of prayer. But Neeman froze all the Palestinians' funds which the Israeli government holds in trust for them. He gave reasons, too: I won't send money, said he, to finance Arafat's terrorism. And the question is, whose morality is more Jewish, the crafty lawyer Neeman's, or the simple window-maker Yehzekel Shemesh-Halevy."

Virtual reality

"Binyamin Netanyahu is a prime minister of virtual reality," states Maj.-Gen. (res.) Oren Shohor, who was forced to leave the army after being caught leaving Shimon Peres's home and is now speaking out for "the generals who cannot speak, and Netanyahu is shooting them in the back."

Shohor tells Yediot Aharanot's Yael Gvirtz that "the peace process today is not conducted by experts, but amateurs. Each one has another job: One runs Mifal Hapayis; another is cabinet secretary; and the third is a lawyer. That is not serious..."

"IDF generals no longer have the backing of the political level and prime minister, on the contrary, Netanyahu is the one leading the scandalous attacks on them," says Shohor, noting that the open communication between him and the military has been replaced by deep paranoia and witch hunting. "The head of the General Security Service, the chief of general staff, and the generals are treated as though they were clerks, rather than professionals. They are presented as crooks, who are pressuring the cabinet by means of media manipulations."

Lazy bums

The media takes a hard look at the haredi parties, which commentators say are dragging society back from liberalism and enlightenment to religious coercion.

Gideon Samet in Ha'arets blasts the "weak-kneed police, which act as though the haredim are the lords of the land: They beat up the Conservatives praying at the Western Wall without any justification, except for that murky reflex identifying the haredim — some of whom abhor and despise the state — with the government, authority and the power." "The yeshivot have turned into a shelter for lazy bums," states Prof. Yehuda Friedlander, rector of Bar-Ilan University, in an interview with Yehuda Koren of Yediot Aharanot.

Friedlander notes the religious-Zionist education system is becoming increasingly haredi, and says the heads of haredi yeshivot told him explicitly: "We take anyone, even if he has a head of straw, just to save him from the clutches of the IDF."

Consequently, the standard of studies has deteriorated greatly and a new phenomenon has been born: the eternal yeshiva student. "And who pays for this? The Treasury, which finances the yeshivot with larger budgets than it gives the universities."

Amir Drori, head of the Antiquities Authority, comes out strongly against the haredim and their war against science, archeology, and development, noting that two thirds of the road, construction, and development projects

have been stopped this year. "From the anthropologic point of view, we're living in a Khomeinistic state," he tells Ma'ariv's Ben Caspit.

He notes that "all the haredi quarters are built on graves, but then they don't utter a peep. Mea She'arim, Bnei Brak, Ramat Shlomo, all these places have burial sites. In Bnei Brak, there's a religious school build on a cemetery. There were no demonstrations. They only come [to demonstrate] where it suits them."

Less education, more values Ha'arets's Hanna Kim reveals the extent of the budget cuts in secular education, while the haredi education system and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's Administration for Values Education remain intact.

The Knesset Finance Committee last week decided to slash NIS 126 million from the Education Ministry budget and NIS 200m. from the long school day budget, in addition to the NIS 725m. already cut from the ministry at the beginning of the year. The committee also decided to cut at least NIS 400m. more from the education budget in 1998.

This is certainly a new order of government priorities, notes Kim, observing that "Hammer can boast a brilliant achievement: He has succeeded in one year in returning the Education Ministry to the rejected, dark, hopeless, and sour status it had during the long years in which Hammer was its minister under the previous Likud governments."



Ben-Baruch's taxi

Police officers examine the trunk of Shmuel Ben-Baruch's blood-stained taxi, which was found Friday in Jericho's Akbat Jabbar refugee camp, where it was apparently slated to be stripped for parts. Ben-Baruch's body was found early yesterday morning in Jericho. *(AP)*

US upset with delay on PA funds

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The US said on Friday it is disappointed at Israel's delay in releasing funds to the Palestinian Authority, but expects the dispute to be resolved within a matter of days.

Israel withheld the tax money and customs duties after two Palestinian suicide bombers killed 14 people in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market on July 30. Palestinian leaders say it is a form of collective punishment.

State Department spokesman

James Rubin, asked if US envoy Dennis Ross felt the Israelis had reneged on a promise to release the money, restated the US position that withholding the funds and tight restrictions on the movement of Palestinians are "unwise" and "counterproductive."

"Ambassador Ross did not indicate to me any particular feeling of being doublecrossed," he added. "But hopefully with a day or two, when we start to see some actions, this will become moot because Prime Minister [Binyamin]

Netanyahu himself has said that with actions will go easing of these measures."

Jordanians, Palestinians set up Jerusalem land firm

AMMAN (Reuters) — Jordanian and Palestinian businessmen said on Friday they had set up a multi-million dollar firm to buy and develop Arab properties in eastern Jerusalem.

The idea behind the formation of the offshore holding company, registered in the British Virgin Islands as Jerusalem Development and Investment Company (JEDICO), is to try to preempt purchases of Arab property by Israeli and American Jews.

They said JEDICO shareholders chose a seven-member board of directors to serve a two-year term at its founding meeting on Thursday.

Chaired by Abdul Majid Shoman, chairman of Jordan's leading Arab Bank, the board includes some of the most influential members of the expatriate Palestinian business community.

Board member and Jordanian businessman Munib Masri, said he expected JEDICO to start operations within a month.

LIBI - The Fund for Strengthening Israel's Defense

Reception in Appreciation of Libitrom Activists

The Libi Fund recently held a reception, to show its appreciation of the efforts of those who contributed to the success of the Libitrom fund-raising campaign, conducted with the help of regional radio stations. The reception, which was held at the Dan Panorama Hotel, was attended by the Director-General of the Second Channel, Mr. Nahman Shal, the Chairman of the Libi Fund, General (Res.) Danny Matt, and the Chairman of the Association of Regional Radio Stations, Mr. Danny Nishlis. The guests were given information on the results of this successful campaign, the proceeds of which, NIS4 m., are being used to combat road accidents involving soldiers on leave.

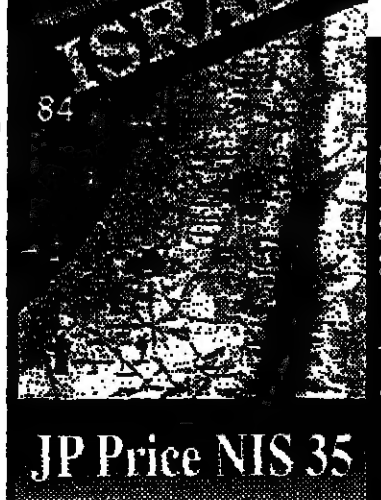


The Libi Chairman handing a shield of appreciation to Mr. Danny Nishlis, Chairman of the Association of Regional Radio Stations in Israel.

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Cambodian refugees

Cambodian refugees press up against a razor wire fence yesterday at the Thai-Cambodian border near O'Smach, Cambodia. Heavy fighting between rival Cambodian forces has forced refugees to flee to the border for safety. O'Smach is located 340 kilometers northeast of Bangkok, Thailand.

(AP)

Former Mir commander defends performance

By ADAM TANNER

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Vasily Tsibilyev, the former Mir commander whose reputation was challenged over the accident that crippled the space station in orbit, defended his performance yesterday and said a crash landing posed the real threat to Russia's space program.

Tsibilyev, who returned to earth on Thursday after six months in orbit, has been blamed in Russian media reports for the collision on June 25 between Mir and a supply ship.

Tsibilyev had been manually docking the Progress cargo ship when the accident happened.

An official commission has yet to reach a conclusion on what caused the collision.

"Unfortunately many things we need on the station just aren't there," Tsibilyev told reporters at Star City, the cosmonauts' training center outside Moscow.

"It all derives from earth, from our economy, our affairs, our poor lives. Because even that equipment needed to live aboard the station that we requested to be sent... it just doesn't exist on earth," he said.

"Simply the factories don't work, or have insufficient supplies, or they ask for, excuse me, crazy prices," he said.

Tsibilyev said his monitors had not been working at the time of the collision but he had been confident that the situation could be corrected until the last minute.

After the accident he said the crew risked their lives by sealing

off the punctured Spektr module rather than abandoning ship. "We didn't think about jumping ship, although in principle at that time we were obliged to throw aside everything and race into the (escape) capsule," he said.

"Despite that, we stayed and continued our work."

Other mishaps on Mir in the past six months included a fire, loss of station's orientation, an irregular heartbeat suffered by Tsibilyev and problems with the power and oxygen supplies.

Aboard Mir on Saturday, the current crew of commander Anatoly Solovoyov, flight engineer Pavel Vinogradov and US astronaut Michael Foale were preparing to redock with an old supply module late yesterday.

Police detain 140 en route to banned Hess memorials

BONN (Reuters) — German police played in a tense cat-and-mouse game with neo-Nazis yesterday and detained around 140 extremists suspected of heading for forbidden rallies to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess.

In neighboring Denmark, where freedom of speech laws allow neo-Nazis more scope for public display, about 150 Scandinavians, Germans and Dutch marked Hess's death with a rally in the town of Koege, switching from nearby Roskilde at the last moment to avoid clashes with leftists.

Police in the central German state of Hesse said they took 78 people into temporary custody at traffic checkpoints set up to stop extremists from gathering at Hess rallies over the weekend.

A Hesse police spokesman said officers had seized knives, music cassettes and placards with extremist slogans.

In the eastern state of Thuringia, police detained 60 right-wing extremists for inciting racial hatred and displaying symbols of anti-constitutional organizations.

Clinton lawyers oppose broad query, deposition of president

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Attorneys for President Clinton are again asking a federal judge to dismiss Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit, while also opposing a broad inquiry now into the president's alleged sexual exploits.

In a federal court filing Friday, Clinton's attorneys also sought to prevent, for now, the president from being deposed under oath.

His lawyers argued that any discovery in the civil lawsuit should be limited at the outset to "non-party" testimony on what, if anything, happened between Clinton and Jones, and whether it resulted in her being transferred to a different state job.

Jones' lawyers, trying to establish a pattern of behavior by Clinton, want to include in their initial questioning of witnesses other allegations of sexual overtures by Clinton.

A pretrial conference is scheduled for Friday to consider an exchange of evidence by the parties, and set parameters for discovery — the deposing of witnesses and the collection of documents. US District

Judge Susan Webber Wright has said she may set a trial date then.

But Clinton's attorneys renewed their request for the lawsuit to be dismissed on the basis that Clinton's alleged actions — even if they occurred — did not constitute sexual harassment.

The president's legal brief also rebutted claims that he damaged Jones' reputation.

"The complaint does not contain a single factual allegation that he published any defamatory information about (Jones) to anyone while he was governor," the filing said.

Jones' lawsuit claims that Clinton, then Arkansas' governor, propositioned her in 1991 in a Little Rock hotel room. After she rejected Clinton, she argues, she was placed in a dead-end state job.

Clinton adamantly denied Jones' claim in a legal response July 3 and said the suit was intended to damage him politically. The president did not repeat those denials in Friday's 30-page filing, but rather sought to pick apart the claims, aiming to show they did not meet the legal standard for harassment.

A separate five-page filing asked Wright to limit the initial questioning of witnesses to "core issues" regarding the alleged incident at the Excelsior Hotel on May 8, 1991, and any resulting adverse job impact (Jones) asserts she suffered.

Should the questioning reveal no harassment, Clinton's attorneys could ask the judge to dismiss part or all of the lawsuit and perhaps avoid further interviews involving other women, such as former White House employee Kathleen E. Willey.

Jones' lawyers have subpoenaed Willey as part of the effort to show a pattern of improper behavior by Clinton. Willey reportedly told a colleague that Clinton made sexual advances toward her.

Jones says that Clinton pulled her toward him, exposed himself and asked for oral sex while he was Arkansas governor and she was a state employee.

Clinton's lawyers said that such actions, if true, would not constitute harassment because Clinton is not alleged to have pushed the issue further.

US boasts largest arms sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has emerged as top international arms salesman in 1996, with orders to developing countries making up \$7.3 billion of its \$11.3 billion intake, a government report shows.

Cashing in at a distant second was Britain with \$4.8 billion in total international arms sales, followed by Russia with \$4.6 billion, according to a report released this week by the US Congressional Research Service.

The CRS is an independent research arm of Congress that compiles such statistics annually.

"This report shows who the major arms sellers are and who the key players are in the international market," said Richard Grimmett, a CRS defense specialist who authored the report.

Religion grows in Cuba in advance of pope's trip

By ELOY O. AGUILAR

HAVANA (AP) — The curly-haired young man in a white robe was schooled in Cuba's Marxist educational system and taught that the Roman Catholic Church was counter-revolutionary.

But when President Fidel Castro met Pope John Paul II last year and planned the pope's trip to Cuba, 22-year-old Daniel Bruzon began looking at the church in a different way.

Now he is getting ready to be baptized. On a recent Sunday, he wore the white robe of an altar attendant at Havana's Santa Rita Church.

Bruzon, a language student, is the product of a new way tolerance by the government of the Catholic Church in advance of the pope's visit in January.

And he is among a growing number of young Cubans who are turning to religion in times of dire economic conditions and political confusion.

"I had heard bad things about the church all my life," Bruzon said. "Then I saw where Fidel went to the Vatican and met with the pope. I wondered why. What was there about the church?" Bruzon began going to church with friends seven months ago.

"I had a spiritual need that the church satisfied," he

said. "I found peace, understanding, and I found Christ, who loves me."

"My father is a military man," Bruzon said. "When I told him I wanted to join the church, he was surprised, but he did not fight me. He respected my decision. Besides, he knows how stubborn I am."

Most of Cuba's open repression against the Roman Catholic Church has disappeared. Its followers may freely exercise their faith and are no longer barred from membership in the Communist Party.

Bruzon and a friend, Milner Lajonchere, 18, were among the thousands of young Catholics who participated in a recent evangelization campaign distributing copies of the Gospel of St. Mark and talking to people about the church and the pope's trip to Cuba.

In an effort to reach Bruzon and his generation, the church has set its sights on education. To compete with the government for the sympathies of the Cuban people, it will need access to the news media and schools.

There are no Catholic schools in Cuba. There are few priests — 260 for a population of 11 million, compared with 700 in 1959 for half as many people — and the Catholic seminary has only 67 young men preparing for the priesthood.

Turkish troops kill 27 Kurdish rebels

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (AP)

Turkish troops have killed 27 Kurdish guerrillas in anti-rebel offensives in southeast and central Turkey, officials said yesterday.

The governor's office for the southeast region said 26 rebels were killed in fighting near this city, while one other rebel was killed Friday near the central city of Sivas as rebels tried to attack a passenger train at a station, the Anatolia news agency reported. The foiled attack coincided with the 13th anniversary of the start of a war launched by the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, for autonomy in the south-east. The war has cost 28,000 lives since 1984.

Some 50 fragments of medieval manuscripts are now at the Israel Museum. Sounds dull? Well, they form one of the most exciting and moving exhibitions I have ever seen.

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20,000 fans remember Elvis

Commemoration marks 20th anniversary of the 'King's' death

By WOODY BARD

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Another year, a bouquet alone might have been enough. But last night was the 20th anniversary of Elvis' death, so she brought a teddy bear and a tender note: "Silver stars fade and die."

Karen Glick came from Champaign, Illinois, almost 650 kilometers away, to honor the King of Rock and Roll. She waited with 20,000 others to file past his grave while his music played in the parking lot and impersonators milled about Graceland, the Memphis mansion where he died.

Glick, 51, was just a kid when she saw Elvis Presley on TV in 1956, lean and sharp, his leg shaking. She was an instant fan.

"Everybody went to school on Monday and nobody could remember his name. But everybody could remember how he moved and jumped around and we thought that was cool," she said.

Fans began lining up hours before Friday night's procession, which was to run into Saturday. It's the crowning event of a weeklong series of concerts, parties and memorials to commemorate Elvis' death on Aug. 16, 1977.

The crowd on Elvis Presley Boulevard was dotted with impersonators and fans sporting sideburns, rhinestone-studded jumpsuits, and jet-black duck-tails.

Bill Rowe, 47, of Dayton, Ohio, was at the head of the line, waiting at Graceland's front gates since Thursday. He refused to doze during the nightlong wait.

"In my mind, that would be disrespectful," he said.

Graceland opened to tourists in 1982 and draws more than 700,000 visitors a year. It supports a sprawling complex of souvenir shops and museums and brings in about \$15 million annually.

Another \$10 million is up for grabs, offered by the makers of a new Elvis documentary to anyone who can produce the man himself.

The makers of "Elvis is Alive (I Swear I Just Saw Him Eating a Ding-Dong Outside the Piggly Wiggly)" said they found 253,411 people who claimed to have seen Elvis since his death.

No impersonators — claimants must pass DNA, blood type and voice analysis tests and match dental records and fingerprints of the man born Elvis Aron Presley on Jan. 8, 1935, in East Tupelo, Mississippi, to Gladys and Vernon Presley.

"It was a strange journey we took and in the end, I asked, 'What did we have?,' but I think we got within minutes of Elvis," said Robert Diaz Leroy, who directed and starred in the film. "If it's possible that he's still alive, I think we got close."



A teddy bear sits among other items left by fans at the grave of Elvis Presley.

Every item imaginable

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (Reuters) — Twenty years after his death, Elvis Presley is for sale at never before.

Eat like him? Try the \$2 fried peanut butter and banana sandwich at Rockabilly's Grill across the street from his Graceland mansion.

Dress like him? There's a brown leather aviator's jacket with his gold embroidered signature for \$450, or a black motorcycle jacket for \$395.

Make music like a king? Pick up the \$5,000 Gibson six-string "Elvis Signature Model" acoustic guitar (only 250 made) and run your fingers over a neck inlaid with his name in pearl.

On Friday, thousands of Elvis fans who have descended on Memphis to mark Saturday's 20th anniversary of his death were in a buying frenzy at the official gift shops across the street from Presley's Graceland mansion and in stores nearby.

A \$79.95 (plus tax) "Barbie Loves Elvis" set — she in a pink sweater and black poodle skirt, he in a gold lame jacket — has become one of the event's top sellers. Customers were being limited to five sets per day in an attempt to keep the dolls from being cornered by collectors.

Outside one shop Allan Roth and his wife, on a two-week US visit from Nuremberg, Germany, were in their second day at Graceland, having just

bought a black Elvis commemorative T-shirt and a Tennessee commemorative license plate.

"It's very important if I'm here, I must see this," Roth said.

And there was a seemingly endless array of merchandise to be seen and taken home. Items ranged from a \$1,000 framed 45-rpm vinyl record of "Blue Christmas" and "Sara, Dying My Baby Back," said to be from "Elvis Presley's personal collection," to a guitar-shaped blue plastic fly swatter at \$1.95.

There are blankets, pillows, bathrobes, clocks and t-shirts with swinging Elvis legs, a list of Elvis shower gels, after shave lotions and body powders, umbrellas, dishes, glassware, watches and crystal glasses.

His records, repackaged and reissued, remain top sellers.

Virtually every book written about Elvis — more no doubt than have written about some US presidents — has been rounded up and put on store shelves.

"Soldier Boy Elvis" goes for \$19.95. For \$17.95, the curious who pick up "Did Elvis Ever Sing in Your Home Town?" can find out not only if he did, from 1971 to 1977, but how the weather was that night and what asides he had to say on the stage.

Charles in apparent media competition with Diana

By JILL SERJEANT

LONDON (Reuters) — Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, posed with his two sons for photographers yesterday for a second time, but his aides denied that they were trying to divert attention from Princess Diana's love life.

Charles, who was divorced from Diana a year ago, usually guards his privacy jealously during his annual vacation at Balmoral and seeks to protect their sons from the more unsavory publicity surrounding the marriage breakup.

Royal aides said that by volunteering to pose for photographers there, Charles and the boys would be left in peace for the rest of their break.

"It was an experiment. I am not saying it's setting a precedent. It has worked. We want to work with the media, we will come halfway if you leave them alone," the prince's press spokeswoman Sandy Henney told reporters.

Henney denied the two photocalls were part of a "charm offensive" by the prince, who faces an uphill task as the next king after opinion polls showed popularity for the monarchy slumping to below 50 percent for the first time.

Henney said Charles, dressed in a green kilt and his sons, Prince William and Harry who posed by a waterfall, were grateful for being left alone since first posing for photographers Tuesday.

"It's meant a lot to them. They have been able to go places and do things they have not been previously able to do," she said.

The aides rejected suggestions



Prince Charles stands with his sons Princes William (left) and Harry during their summer break at Balmoral Castle. (Reuters)

that the photo-call was a bid to dampen the media frenzy over Princess Diana's romance with millionaire Egyptian playboy Dodi Al Fayed.

Diana flew out to Greece over the weekend with a woman friend on her third Mediterranean vacation in two months, leaving behind a breach of contract suit brought against the new man in her life by US model Kelly Fisher.

Fisher claims she was Al Fayed's fiancée until pictures of him kissing Diana appeared in newspapers around the world.

Dodi, son of Harrods owner Mohammed Al Fayed, has denied her claims but the saga looked certain to run with Britain's best-selling Sunday newspaper, the *News of the World*, promising that Fisher would be telling the tabloid her side of the story.

Shultz remarries

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In a marriage of high society and politics, former Secretary of State George Shultz has wed San Francisco socialite Charlotte Mailliard Swig.

Among the more than 600 guests invited to the Friday night wedding were Gov. Pete Wilson, former first lady Nancy Reagan, former defense secretary Caspar Weinberger, actor Don Johnson and Mayor Willie Brown.

"You know, it's glamour. It's love. It's Charlotte. It's George," said wedding president Stanley Gatti, president of the San Francisco Arts Commission.

Shultz, 76, was secretary of state from 1982 to 1989. His wife, Helena Maria Shultz, died at age 80 in 1993. Swig, 63, is twice widowed.

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US announces record burger recall

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The US Agriculture Department on Friday announced the largest recall of US ground beef products in history, giving consumers one more reason to look twice at their burgers before taking a bite.

Hudson Foods Inc., an Arkansas-based meat processor, is voluntarily

recalling at least 544,000 kg. of frozen hamburger nationwide due to possible contamination with a deadly strain of the E. coli bacteria. The amount is far beyond any previous ground beef recall and 60 times the 9,000 kg that USDA initially said Hudson Foods was recalling. The size of the recall

could continue to mount as USDA investigates the matter.

"It's enough to make somebody a vegetarian," said Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "Clearly, the company has not been as careful as it should," he said.

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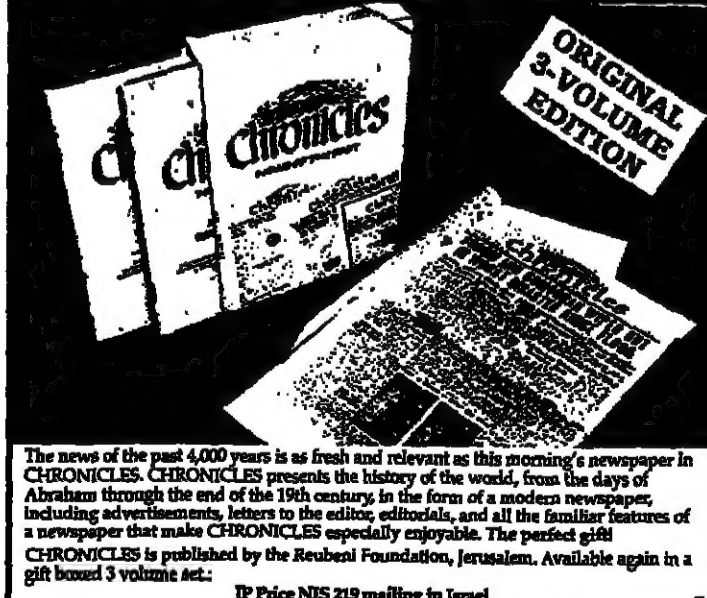
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Pediatrics is growing up

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOWICH

Today's children try to look, dress, talk and behave like adults, but doctors must be careful not to regard them as "small people" who can be treated medically as if they were over 18. Pediatrics, with its growing number of subspecialties, is a medical discipline all its own, with issues, treatments and techniques reserved for babies, children and adolescents.

A major international conference dealing with all these issues was held in Jerusalem last month, bringing hundreds of physicians and other medical personnel from 37 countries, including Israel. Held at the International Convention Center and organized by the Israel Ambulatory Pediatric Association (IAPA), "Pediatrics in the Community: 2000+" was chaired by the IAPA's Dr. Shmuel Gross. Prof. Emanuel Leibelthal, chief of pediatrics at Hadassah-University Hospital on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem, was head of the scientific committee.

"Because of budgetary cuts in funds for health care here and around the world, there is pressure to carry out more pediatrics in the community instead of in hospitals. Yet community pediatrics is regarded as having 'less status' than pediatrics in hospitals. Something must be done to resolve this problem," Gross said.

Leibelthal, who is also director of Hadassah's institute of infant nutrition, noted that the aim of the congress was to look ahead into the 21st century at pediatrics in the Western and developing worlds. The congress was so successful that the American Academy of Pediatrics has decided to hold a joint conference with the Israeli association in two years.

"Molecular biology will have a major impact on how we treat children, as well as in disease prevention," Leibelthal added.

"There will be new medications and eventually, widespread gene therapy."

During the past two years alone, 15 new pathogens have been discovered that affect children.

"They were always there, but until recently we couldn't identify them or diagnose the exact causes of the illnesses they produced," he said.

Over the coming years, he said, pediatrics researchers will spend much time developing multiple vaccinations, fighting the grow-

ing resistance of bacteria to antibiotics and coping with a major enemy to health in the developed world: obesity in children due to affluence, sedentary lifestyles and the consumption of junk food.

"There is an explosion of new means for dealing with medical problems; the sky is the limit. But the question is who will pay for all of it, because the cost will be prohibitive," says the Hadassah pediatrician.

- Hadassah pediatrician

University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa, an expert on infant formulas, noted that breast-feeding was undoubtedly best. But in the absence of universal nursing, manufacturers have been trying to duplicate the composition of human breast milk in their baby formulas.

"In the course of development of human-milk substitutes, pitfalls have occurred in the process," he said.

There were problems in sterility of the formulas, protein quantity and low carbohydrate content. Vitamins and important minerals like copper were lost in the manufacturing process. Iron had to be added to deal with iron deficiency, and vitamins were added because vitamin absorption was poor. While there are improvements in formulas today, there are still problems, such as the possible connection between cow's milk as a trigger for juvenile-onset diabetes.

"Nutrition of prematurely born infants - regarding both quality and quantity - is an ongoing con-

cern," he said.

Prof. Ronald Gold, a University of Toronto expert, discussed the trend of combining different types of vaccines into one shot. Researchers are considering combining diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough vaccine with those against polio, hepatitis B, mumps, measles and rubella.

Combining a number of vaccines has clear benefits, such as the convenience of a single shot, reduced pain for the infant, less parental anxiety, lower cost and improved efficiency for the vaccine program and less need for storage space and packaging. The potential drawbacks include immunological reactions among the various vaccines, increased rates of adverse reactions, higher per-dose cost, unnecessary doses of some components and more difficulty in determining the cause of a severe local reaction.

The question of whether to use whole-cell or acellular vaccine against pertussis (whooping cough) was discussed by Prof. Michael Decker of Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. The whole-cell vaccine contains killed organisms; it has been very effective in reducing significantly the number of pertussis cases and deaths, but unpleasant side effects are common, and serious effects, such as high fever, seizures and prolonged crying, occur in one out of 100 to one out of 2,000 cases. Researchers have thus been working on an acellular vaccine that doesn't contain the killed whole bacterial cells.

These have been shown to cause less frequent and less severe reactions and to be very protective, but they are more expensive than whole-cell vaccine. The US is expected to adopt acellular pertussis vaccines in a year or two. The matter hasn't yet been discussed here, but it will be during the coming school year, according to Health Ministry chief epidemiologist Dr. Paul Slater.



A disabled young man and his hamster at the Herzliya Medical Center.

Pets join medical team

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOWICH

In a split second, a reckless driver ran over a Jewish-studies professor jogging near his home, severely damaging a major center in his brain and leaving him with the ability only to shift his eyeballs and slightly move his fingers and toes.

A raven named Gabi, abandoned as a fledgling and herself recovering from a wing injury, is - with the help of the 55-year-old professor's dedicated therapist - helping him to restore some of his abilities and regain some independence.

"When I wheeled Martin into a previous hospital, staffers said: 'Why did you bring us a dead body?'" recalls Dvora, his vivacious wife and mother of their 10 children, who is imbued with faith in God and her husband's prospects of improving.

Martin was first treated for his physical injuries after the 23-year-old driver hit him last year while speeding through a side road at 80 km/h. Then he was moved to another institution for rehabilitation.

For the past several months, he has been hospitalized at the Herzliya Medical Center, where he is one of six severely disabled patients undergoing rehabilitation with the help of pets.

FRIEDA PILLERSDORF, who studied art and taught illiterate soldiers during her military service, studied alternative communications at the Hebrew University and joined the HMC staff nine years ago. Her idea to use animals as a trigger for rehabilitation was born by chance. Nineteen-year-old Barak Gavriel, who three years ago suffered a massive head injury when a car went through a red light and hit his motorcycle, was lying comatose in his bed in the Herzliya Pines hospital. Sitting next to him, Barak's father Shalom noticed that a baby bird had crashed onto the windowsill and fallen to the ground. He ran out to bring the bird to his son.

"Look, Barak, what an unfortunate bird," said the father. "Incredibly, after nearly three years

in a coma, Barak - a bird lover since childhood - turned his head and followed the bird with his eyes.

Shalom and his wife Yehudit told Pillersdorf about the incredible incident, and Pillersdorf decided to try using animals to wake comatose patients and spur the rehabilitation of the severely disabled. HMC management approved her idea, even though there were no scientific reports abroad of pets being utilized for this purpose.

Pillersdorf explains that her experience had taught her that head-injury patients need powerful stimulation to trigger response, and that animals - to which young children respond so well - might do the trick. An Internet search located only reports that animals could reduce tension, provide relief to the mentally ill and improve the emotional condition of the elderly.

"I saw no evidence that pets could be useful for this purpose, but I had nothing to lose," Pillersdorf recalls. Nevertheless, she and patients' relatives have been amazed by the results.

Martin, wearing shorts and a T-shirt, a black kippa and glasses, sits in his wheelchair with a cushion supporting his head. He doesn't make a sound as Frieda asks him if he wants to "feed Gabi," but he moves his eyes up and down in an enthusiastic response.

She goes to a bathroom and brings out the young black-and-gray raven, who amiably perches on Martin's arm and waits to be fed. The therapist pushes the bird's bowl a few centimeters from his hand and urges him to move his arm closer, so Gabi can eat. With great effort, evident from the wrinkling of his brow, Martin brings the raven close enough to eat.

"Kol hakavod, Martin!" enthuses Pillersdorf, who pats him on the back and rubs his arm to encourage him. She then attaches a bell-enriched bracelet to one of Martin's paralyzed legs and sets Gabi near his toes. Martin strains to command his brain to move his toes, and the bells chime.

After many such painstaking sessions with Martin, the therapist says she aims, with Gabi's help, to give Martin enough control over his fingers to consistently click a switch. "If he can do that, he'll be able to control a computer, turn on lights, and even produce synthetic speech," she notes, as Dvora nods her head.

FRIEDA HAS used other animals, such as chicks and hamsters, for her work with the disabled. It was a chick that apparently triggered the return to consciousness of Eli Samira, a 17-year-old who was in a coma for two years after being wounded in the terror bombing of a Ramat Gan bus.

"Chicks," explain the therapist, "are very useful because they are small enough to fit in the palm of one's hand, are soft and make chirping noises. Eli suffered from motor problems in which his hands locked shut."

"The first time he held his chick, his momentarily locked, but when he heard it start to cry for help, he immediately released his hold. No squeaking ball that we had tried before had induced him to release his grasp. It was amazing."

"Another time, he started to kiss the chick, but when he started making the motion, his mouth locked shut and we feared he would bite it. But he opened his mouth and let it go." Gerbils could also be used, she says, and even snakes, if patients are not frightened of them.

"Frieda stresses that the role of the animals should not be exaggerated. 'This is one part of the rehabilitation that our patients undergo at HMC. My colleagues give physiotherapy, occupational therapy, medications and many other means of support. But the animals provide a different kind of stimulation, and we are pleased by the results. Other professionals here have been very curious and encouraging about my work.'

Since she gets the pets from the animal corner at the Kochav Yair settlement not far away, Frieda thought that she would regularly rotate them in her sessions with patients.

"But they became so attached to a certain pet that they refused to give them up. We had to keep bringing the pet they requested and had named."

It would be too difficult to use cats in the hospital project, says Pillersdorf, as they are too large and have a mind of their own. But if she had a large place in natural surroundings, she would like to try dogs, who could be trained to respond to patients' clicking on a buzzer.

"It's hard to explain the response of brain-damaged patients to these animals - it almost seems mystical," she says. "But I have no doubt that it works."

Rx FOR READERS

Be wary of an earful at the pool

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Is there any way to prevent swimmer's ear - ear infections due to frequent swimming? What causes it? I often have to take antibiotics for this and it drives me crazy. R.S., Ashkelon

Prof. Jona Kronenberg, head of the ear-nose-and-throat department at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, replies:

You should not be taking antibiotics, unless you are suffering from a bacterial infection of the middle ear. Swimmer's ear is caused by an infection of the outer ear, either fungal or bacterial, and results from the condition of the water or of your skin. If you suffer from eczema of the outer ear, being in the water will lead to swimmer's ear. A lot of chlorine in the pool will irritate the skin, while too little chlorine will increase the bacterial count

and raise the risk of infection. You should stay out of the water for a while while the ear is treated with drops or salves.

At the end of the treatment, when the infection or eczema has cleared up, you're advised to put salve in your outer ear before going swimming and carefully dry it after you get out. Earplugs also are recommended.

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The vulnerable ear in mid-stroke

(Yossi Apple)

HEALTH SCAN



The highs and lows of lobe piercing

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Teenagers who get the upper part of their earlobes pierced to wear earrings are asking for trouble, according to doctors who have studied this subject. Dr. Andre Matalon, who teaches family medicine at Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine, discusses in the *Israel Journal of Family Practice* the danger of bacterial infection in the upper part of the earlobe. Unlike the lower part of the lobe, where the skin covers soft fat, the upper part is composed of cartilage, which is more susceptible to infection.

The journal *Pediatrics* recently discussed the case of a 14-year-old girl who developed a severe *Staphylococcus* and *Pseudomonas* infection of her earlobe after undergoing piercing. Powerful antibiotics were helpless against the onslaught. Another adolescent girl, aged 16, developed a *Pseudomonas* infection and an abscess as a result of upper-lobe piercing and had to have intravenous antibiotics. Both girls were left with deformations of their earlobes.

Matalon notes that piercing can cause more problems in summer due to swimming and excessive perspiration. Even wearing an earring in the lower part of the lobe can cause infection, but at least this does not result in deformation of the lobe, he notes. Doctors should warn their young patients about the risks of inserting rings in

the "hard" parts of the earlobe, he concludes.

POLKA-DOT PILLS FOR MEASLES?

Believe it or not, the colors of the pills people take affect their perception of the medication's effectiveness. A study reported recently in the *British Medical Journal* and also commented on in the *Israel Journal of Family Practice* discussed this phenomenon.

The researcher, AJM De Craen, wanted to see if the colors of pills had any effect on patients. Red, he hypothesized, is regarded as strong and active, while blue and green are regarded as restful and "good."

According to the findings, most patients perceived red-, yellow- and orange-colored pills as being stimulants; blue- and green-colored pills were seen as relaxants.

The hues also were seen as signaling that the pills were good for certain parts of the body: white for the body in general (but weakly), gray and beige for skin problems and red and black for serious conditions.

When sleeping pills and a placebo were given to patients, those who got blue ones fell asleep much faster than those who received orange

ones, whether they were the real thing or only harmless sugar pills.

PELVIC-FLOOR EXERCISES

Women can exercise their pelvic-floor muscles to treat and even prevent leakage of urine called stress incontinence. For years, urologists and gynecologists have suggested Kegel exercises for this purpose, especially before and after childbirth and menopause. But since women must get the feel for exactly which muscles these involve (usually by halting the flow when urinating), it has been difficult to teach and to practice.

Now a local company, Filatel (177-022-5747), is importing a set of vaginal weights called Femtone that, if used properly, can strengthen the relevant muscles.

The NIS 300 patented device, developed by the US firm Convatec (a subsidiary of Bristol-Myers), consists of five plastic capsules, each of a different weight and attached to a string. The user inserts it into her vagina and must hold it in by contracting the relevant muscles. As she finds the lighter weight easy to bear, she can move on to a heavier one. All that is needed is 15 minutes of exercise several times a week.

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Tryst with destiny

The people of the newly independent Indian subcontinent set out on two different roads 50 years ago. This weekend they have been casting rueful glances back at their separate journeys—brief in historical terms, vast in their breadth of tragedy and achievement.

The celebration of independence in India has been muted in the knowledge that while the country could have done much worse, it could also have done a lot better. Almost half of its almost a billion people are still illiterate. In real terms its people were better off 50 years ago than on today's per capita income of around \$350. Having first lost the north, west and east of the country to Pakistan, India remains plagued by the violence of other separatists and the major unsolved problem of Kashmir.

It remains hobbled by political and economic corruption. Despite its off-repeated mantra of being the world's largest democracy, it is crippled by a Third World bureaucracy—and at times even by Third World attitudes, as the government demonstrated this weekend by expelling an American photo-journalist because it didn't like his pictures.

In the northeastern state of Assam, terrorists delivered an unwelcome anniversary message, a train bomb that killed seven people. It was claimed by militants of the Bodo tribe—just the latest of the many self-serving interest groups that have sought to split India into Bosnian-style statelets. Not every Indian is proud just to be Indian, even after 50 years.

Yet there is a bright counterpoint to each of these depressing observations. Take literacy—half of Indians may still be illiterate, but litera-

cy in fact doubled between the mid-1960s and the mid-90s. Indians may be poor, but the independent state has all but eradicated hunger, and the astonishing green revolution quadrupled grain output. Life expectancy may be lower than in the West, but that too has almost doubled since independence.

Even India's infamous divisions have an up side—against all the odds a real democratic nation has been welded from scores of ethnic tribes speaking dozens of languages and divided between four major and often bitterly antagonistic religions—Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism and Christianity. Foreigners often lambast India's caste system—yet the country is mature enough now to have its first "untouchable" president. Vast India—stretching from its Himalayan snows to its southern tropics—remains one of the rare developing nations to sustain a working multi-party democracy all that time since independence.

A thumbnail summary of India's long and bloody march down 50 years should show not failure, but success, with much still to be done. A mature nation makes realistic rather than idealistic assessments on its important anniversaries. India qualifies as a sober judge of its greatness and its weakness. President K.R. Narayanan in his anniversary speech to parliament admitted that India has fallen far short of Jawaharlal Nehru's promise, in his independence address, to abolish poverty, ignorance and disease—"to wipe every tear from every eye." India today may not quite be what Nehru envisaged when he saw it step out for a "tryst with destiny." But it is an India he could still be very, very proud of.

Under construction

At birth, India was divided in two—the mainly Hindu state and the Islamic republic of Pakistan. If the story of India's 50 years is a vibrant 50-50 for great achievement and "could do better," that of Pakistan is 90 percent depressing. Little wonder there was little joy in its strained celebrations of its 50th anniversary.

India and Pakistan went their separate ways in blood and bitterness. Half a million people were murdered in vicious intercommunal warfare. Ten million Muslim refugees streamed across the border to the new Muslim state—most unwillingly driven out by Hindus enraged at the Muslim leaders' insistence on breaking up India. Antagonism between the two persists since the last war they fought in 1972, fueled by the bitter Kashmir dispute.

Internally, Pakistan's 50 years have been no less gloomy. Its supposed advantage of religious homogeneity failed to save it first from splitting in two, and recently from increasing ethnic violence. From the start, the nation seemed determined to divest itself of those elements of commonality its people had shared for centuries with the rest of India. Unfortunately, they were

mostly the fine things.

The Moslem League of the humorless and single-minded Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan, had no concept of what sort of country it should be. The leaders deadlocked on whether it should be a democracy or strictly Islamic. Gen. Mohammad Ayub Khan settled the debate over Pakistan's future when in 1958 he imposed himself on the country as its first military dictator. It was 23 years after independence before Pakistan held its first national election. When it did, it promptly lost the eastern Bengali province, which seceded as Bangladesh during the India-Pakistan war.

The military has since dominated politics either up front or in the shadows. Pakistan's economy is a shambles, its politics a mixture of corruption, cronyism and vendetta. Although it has had a run of something resembling democracy since the assassination of Gen. Zia ul Haq, it is a feeble, tribalized shadow of the real thing. All in all, there was not much to celebrate in Pakistan this weekend—maybe another 50 years is needed. The capital Islamabad itself provides a neat metaphor for the country. It's still under construction.



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Mixing politics and religion

DAVID NEWMAN

Trivia quiz: What is the difference between kibbutz shops which are open on Shabbat and football teams which play soccer on the same day?

Two possible answers immediately come to mind. The law governing workers' rights and rest days forbids the employment of Jews in Jewish-owned shops on Shabbat. There is no comparable law regarding the operation of soccer stadiums on this day. Laws must be enforced—after all, this is the hallmark of a truly democratic society.

A more cynical answer would be that the thousands of people at the soccer stadiums every week are more likely to cast their votes for the Likud and Shas (the minister responsible for enforcing the employment law is Shas's Eli Yishai), while this is less likely to be the case for the weekly Shabbat shoppers in the kibbutzim.

When it comes to religious-secular relations, Israel is more polarized than it has ever been.

The exercise of political power as a means of promoting a particular Orthodox world view has become the norm, particularly as the religious parties increase their Knesset representation.

Until recently, the demands of the religious parties were often met with financial handouts. During the past 40 years, the growth in the number of religious students who study full time and who are dependent on public hand-outs for survival has grown to such an extent that the religious parties could not afford to be left out of government and cut off from their major source of economic sustenance.

Thus it is not surprising that in the past, post-election demands for more religious legislation and the changing of the status quo in their favor often fell away with no more than a whimper as the religious parties obtained government posts and economic resources for their educational

institutions. The National Religious Party used to be different in this respect. But the NRP of today is not the NRP of the past. It has long since deserted the middle ground, from which it attempted to reach out to both the religious Right and the secular Left.

It wasn't an easy situation to be in. The secular Left found the NRP to be insufficiently Zionist, the religious Right found it insufficiently religious.

The politicization of religion has alienated large sectors of the population from anything which bears the imprint of tradition

while the religious Right accused it of being insufficiently religious. So it took the easy way out—it moved to the Right, both religiously and politically.

AS other Orthodox groups have entered the political fray, the NRP finds that it no longer commands a monopoly over religious-political power. The party no longer controls the ministries of Religious Affairs or the Interior. It is no longer assured that its candidate will become the country's chief rabbi, nor does it continue to control the economic power base of the country's religious councils.

The NRP has become just one more religious party, one whose extreme territorial irredentism has made it even less attractive as coalition partners than some of the non-Zionist religious parties, such as Shas or Agudat Yisrael. It has never been clear just what is the purpose of religious parties.

If they are simply a means of safeguarding sectoral interests, then they have successfully used the political system to obtain the necessary resources to ensure their institutional survival. In this respect, they are no different to any other ethnic, minority, or immigrant party which competes for resources within the political system.

If, however, their objective is to increase the respect for religious observance, to introduce some form of Jewish content into the daily life of the state which has meaning for a broad section of the population, then the verdict is negative. Their attempts to impose religious legislation, their refusal to allow alternative groups—such as the Reform and Conservative movements—to get a foot in the door of religious pluralism, and their apparent interest in only caring about resources for themselves has alienated large sectors of the public from anything which bears the imprint of tradition.

And their double standards in enforcing Shabbat legislation only among those sectors of the population which do not vote for them anyway raise serious questions as to whether they really care about anything beyond their own narrow sectoral interests.

It was the late British Lord Hailsham who is reputed to have stated: "The introduction of religion to politics is the end of honest politics, while the introduction of politics to religion is the prostitution of religion."

Acceptance of, and sympathy toward, religious observance will only become more acceptable to a wider sector of the population when we finally take the politics out of religion and the religion out of politics.

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Leaders we deserve

DAVID WEINBERG

We're in jeopardy—all of us, citizens of Israel—of growing accustomed to a caliber and style of political leadership that is, to put it mildly, disappointing.

We more or less expect our political leaders, of either main political bloc, to spend major chunks of their time leading a campaign of vilification and delegitimization directed at the rival party. Daily routine involves the waging of an unrelenting, interlocking propaganda war. Last week, it was over responsibility for inflation or blame for the apparent demise of the peace process.

Listening to the news, you begin to wonder: Are our leaders at all capable of rising above the sport of one-upmanship? Is there a promise, dare I ask for vision, beyond the predictable polemic prattle?

Now, it certainly can't be easy to be king of the ever-fractious Jews. But is it wrong to hanker for leaders with some draw at their kishkes or higher brain functions? Israeli politics seems to have reduced the leadership alternative to a management contest over which party or politician will better "handle" the economy and diplomatic matters. Or to put it less charitably, who will do less damage.

In considering Binyamin Netanyahu vs. Ehud Barak, I find myself setting minimalist benchmarks and sifting the news to determine which man is simply less inimical to my interests. I don't hold out for much more.

The Bible, Israeli history, and even the world around us provide alternative models of leadership. Moses was noted for his humility and ethical modesty. King Solomon for his majesty of mind, coupled with intellectual caution. How about the cerebral Henry Kissinger or the worldly Josef Burg? Ronald Reagan and Shimon Peres boast

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neo-prophet status, each offering their publics a comprehensive, if not always cogent, vision for the future. Others, such as the late sage Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, or perhaps Menachem Begin, served as links to history, tapping into the consciousness of their followers and connecting them with the glory of past generations.

Then there are leaders whose draw is personal example and nobility of character. The courage and self-discipline in the face of adversity exhibited by Vaclav Havel or Nathan Sharansky is simply an inspiration.

David Ben-Gurion possessed a perceptiveness and determination that forced the hand of history. And outside the political arena, one can identify leaders of compassion, such as the famed Rabbi Aryeh Levin of Jerusalem or, in a different vein, Mahatma Gandhi, each of whom served as a comforter and guide both to the individual and the broader public.

Consider Havel—after leading a political revolution against the Communist regime by sheer moral force and the power of the word, the Czech poet and playwright today has articulated a theology for politics in the post-modern world. Havel writes and speaks of the supremacy of morality in an age of technology and personal liberation.

His success as a politician—despite policy failures and misjudgments—stems from the respect Czechs accord him as a thinker and idealist. That's a far cry from choosing a leader who merely "will do less damage." It's wrong to settle for the mediocre or the imperceptibly competent.

This is too great a country on too historical a journey with too complex an agenda to leave the reins of power to the conventional.

Daily we petition the Lord in prayer: "Bring back our judges of yesterday and our advisers of old." We're supposed to hunger for leadership that occasionally will make our hearts soar and our intellect go into overdrive.

It'd actually be refreshing to hear our would-be leaders appeal to a sense of "community" or "commitment."

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," intoned President John Kennedy, and no-one considered him phony or melodramatic.

The Israel of the '90s may be more centered on self-fulfillment than ever before, but it is still fitted, I think, for moral leaders of perspicacity, capable of evoking the spiritual or covenantal or whatever we might still believe in. We deserve no less.

The writer comments on public affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHITTINGHAM HOUSE

Sir, — Thank you for the very nice front-page article which you ran on Whittingham House and the fact that it was for sale.

I thought you would be interested to know that the article was read in Jerusalem by a gentleman who now lives in America but whose family have in the past had close connection with A.J. Balfour and the founding of Israel.

The gentleman in question may not wish me to release his name, but suffice to say that he came over to Scotland immediately on reading the article and bought the house. There were other interested parties who called as a result of the article, but of course I had to tell them that the house was by then sold.

I am particularly pleased that the house is going into the ownership of a family with a historical feeling for it.

JAMES MC DONELL
Haddington, East Lothian.

ISRAEL FIRST

Sir, — While I am a leftist and voted for Peres and Meretz in the last elections, I find myself wondering if perhaps we are insane.

Bombs went off before the peace process. Bombs went off during the process due to the slowness of the talks. When talks stalled, bombs went off and now, when the talks were to restart, bombs go off.

It is time to say to the Palestinians and the world: "We tried." Apparently, Arafat and his nation do not want peace. That's their right. We should stop all talks, forever. The closure should become permanent policy. If Arafat's people starve and cannot get medical care, they should go to the terrorists with their complaints.

It is time that Israel looked out for Israel first and foremost. As for the peace process, it was interesting while it lasted.

JEFF GROSS
Eilat.

CHILD SURVIVORS

Sir, — We would like to inform all child survivors of the Holocaust in Israel (born between 1929 and 1945) that a one-day gathering of Israeli child survivors organized by AMCHA, the National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation, will take place on July 17 in Kfar Sava.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and is meant for all those who spent their childhood in concentration camps, in hiding, in monasteries, etc., and for their spouses. Guest speakers will include Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, MK Prof. Shevah Weiss and Prof. Haim Dasberg. There will also be a series of workshops held following the plenum.

For further information and registration, call AMCHA at (03) 566-5701.

DR. NATHAN DURST,
Clinical Director, AMCHA
Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On August 17, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that the 20th Zionist Congress held at Zurich had concluded its fortnight of meetings by voting on the retention of the former executive and establishing a political commission to assist the Zionist Executive during the negotiations with the British Government on the establishment of a Jewish state.

The closing session was marked by speeches by Dr. Stephen Wise, David Ben-Gurion and Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

A bomb explosion shook the

Butchers' Market in Tiberias.

50 years ago: On August 17, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border was comparatively quiet, while the death toll mounted with two Arabs and one Jew killed in stabbing accidents. An Arab curfew-breaker was shot dead while more arson was reported.

A mine exploded at kilometer 46 on the Haifa-Cairo railway line.

The 10-hour long curfew was finally lifted in Jerusalem after 25 successive nights. People cooped up in their homes used their new-

found freedom to visit their friends. Cinemas were filled to capacity.

25 years ago: On August 17, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that a TV set exploded in the baggage compartment of an El Al Boeing 707 just after take-off from Rome. Some damage was caused by an apparent bomb but after the plane landed safely back at Rome all 148 passengers were flown to Israel.

Moroccan jets bombed the Royal Palace in Rabat, but King Hassan was reported to be safe.

Alexander Zvielli

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



This is how it feels to win: Britain's Nicholas Buckfield reacts with obvious, uh, delight, after qualifying for the finals of the pole vault in the recent World Athletics Championship in Athens. (Reuters)

POSTSCRIPTS

TIFFANY THOUGHT she had heard it all until a Baptist minister offered her and fellow strippers new jobs, medical insurance and child care on the condition that they quit taking off their clothes.

The dancers were cool to the idea. "Can you imagine me as a plumber?" said Tiffany, a three-year veteran of West Virginia strip bars. "Where else am I going to make \$280 a night and have so much fun?"

She wasn't the only one who didn't think much of the plan put forward by the Rev. Gerry White, pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church, in Hurricane, West Virginia, down the road from the Lady Godiva's strip joint.

"I don't think it will amount to a hill of beans," said Calvin Lavender, owner of Godiva's.

Strippers bristled at the presumption that they're doing something wrong.

The Baptists had large support

in their efforts: Richard Kiel, the 7-foot-2 (2.18 meter) hulk who played Jaws in James Bond films, urged local residents to reach out to the dancers.

"We can't blame the girls alone for doing this, it's the fault of society," Kiel said.

An employment agency offered secretarial and computer training, and a vocational center offered free job training for women to become plumbers, electricians or construction workers.

The writer comments on public affairs.

BOOK REVIEW



Barbra Streisand, a star since she was 22



Bogey debuted on Broadway as a Japanese butler

From Barbra to Bogie: Biographies of the stars

By RON BERTHEL

Barbra, Madonna and Rosie, Bogie, Sinbad and Judy. These are stars so big that only one name is needed. They now share another trait: Each is spotlighted in one of several new books.

The latest biography of the pop-music diva is *Streisand* (Little, Brown, \$24.95) by Anne Edwards, a celebrity biographer whose subjects have included Vivien Leigh, Shirley Temple, Judy Garland and Katharine Hepburn.

This thick work — 600 pages, including notes, index and photos — relies on more than 140 interviews with Streisand's family, friends and foes. It traces her life and career, from a modest childhood in Brooklyn to Broadway stardom at 22, and on to triumphs in records, television and films, both before and behind the camera.

The book examines her private life through marriage, motherhood, divorce and political activism, and her roster of romantic interests, including Omar Sharif, Don Johnson and, most recently, James Brolin.

There are many Barbaras but there's only one Barbra.

Plenty of famous names have been linked with Streisand throughout her career, but one of the dearest people, according to Edwards, is someone the public knows little about: her goddaughter, Carleigh. According to Edwards, the adopted daughter of

ex-lover Jon Peters is "the daughter [Streisand] would have wanted to have."

THE MATERIAL Girl and the Queen of Nice — Madonna and Rosie O'Donnell, who were teammates in the baseball film *A League of Their Own* — are now in the same literary lineup.

In *Madonna: The Rolling Stone Files* (Hyperion, \$13.95, paperback original), the editors of *Rolling Stone* magazine have assembled a series of articles that trace the life and career of the Catholic schoolgirl who went on to be the author of the sizzling coffee-table book, *Sex*.

The collection's reviews, interviews, feature stories and briefs not only chronicle Madonna's rise to stardom but also touch on her personal life: her mother's death when Madonna was six, her failed marriage to Sean Penn, motherhood and her relationship with *Dick Tracy* costar Warren Beatty. Included are lists of Madonna's work in recordings, films and videos.

In one of the many random notes scattered throughout the book, Madonna replies to a question posed in 1991 about her relationship with Michael Jackson: "We exchange powder puffs, we powder each other's noses, and we compare bank accounts."

And if you thought you knew all there is to know about Madonna, consider this: Interviewer Carrie Fisher discovered one of Madonna's nicknames is Daisy, and that Penn had the name tattooed to a toe "so none of his girlfriends can see it unless they're really inspecting him," says the onetime Mrs. Penn.

Billed as the "first" biography of O'Donnell is *Rosie* (Carroll and Graf, \$23), James Robert

Parish's book about the stand-up comic who has taken a seat, behind the desk of her hugely popular daytime TV talk show.

The book delves into O'Donnell's personal life, including her troubled relationship with her father, the early death of her mother, and O'Donnell's role as an adoptive single parent. Her career is traced from her early days in comedy clubs, through film appearances and a Broadway role in *Grease*, to her current gig pioneering antirash television.

OPRAH WINFREY calls him "the funniest man on the planet." He describes himself as a "6-foot-5 black comedian with red hair and a high butt." He's Sinbad, and he offers his comic observations in *Sinbad's Guide to Life (Because I Know Everything)* (Bantam, \$22.95), written with David Ritz.

Sinbad's knowledge is based on a life in which, he writes, he "has walked in every man's shoes."

He admits he's "dropped out of college ... [been] booted out of the Air Force" and failed at marriage. But at least he is "not in recovery" and has "never been naked in a hot tub [at least there's no pictures of it]."

ON THE 40th anniversary of the death of Humphrey Bogart comes *Bogart: A Life in Hollywood* (Houghton Mifflin, \$30).

Jeffrey Meyers, who has penned portraits of Hemingway, Poe, F. Scott Fitzgerald and others, profiles the Hollywood legend and his rise from baby-food model to Hollywood tough guy. Along the way, in a remarkable bit of casting, there's Bogie's Broadway beginnings as a Japanese butler.

His life was not a rags-to-riches story. He came from an affluent

New York family headed by a father who was a prominent society physician and a mother who was a successful commercial artist. The book includes source notes, bibliography, stage and screen appearances, and index.

Move the floor lamp closer to the coffee table and create an ideal stage for *Judy: A Life in Pictures* (Metrobooks, \$12.98) by Basil Nestor. This large-format, generously illustrated book highlights the life and career of Judy

Garland, nee Frances Gumm, who captured the hearts of America's filmgoers as the teenage Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*.

The film introduced what came to be Garland's trademark song, *Over the Rainbow*. According to Nestor, MGM executives almost cut the song from the film.

Wizard wouldn't have been the same without it. Perhaps the same could be said for Judy. (AP)



Madonna: Exchanged powder puffs with Michael Jackson

Not Page One

Our Arabs

By Sam Orbaum

You'd expect them to be hurling rotten tomatoes at each other — at best. At worst, stones, fists, venomous invective.

Mahaneh Yehuda, the warren of onions, pickles and arch-Jewish sentiment, the bastion of hot-tempered nationalist passion, is no place for an Arab. Not ever, but certainly not days after the slaughter, when the smell of charred human flesh still mingles with the hovering aroma of raw animal flesh.

It's utterly senseless: not the war — the peace. The Arabs who work here are not afraid of Jews, but of other Arabs; the Jews who work here don't think of "their" Arabs as Arabs.

"Go basic-basis (stall to stall), you see Arabs working everywhere here," says Dan, purveyor of cakes, tomatoes, potatoes. "Yeah, of course I got an Arab. He's a good worker. Yalla, Mohammed, come!"

Mohammed, a round little 15-year-old, has at least one thing in common with Jewish teenagers — pimples. He also has a plate in his head, which Ilan, the stall-owner next door, playfully whaps every few minutes. I suppose to make the thing rattle. Mohammed helps support his family in the Old City — Dad and his four wives and 24 children.

"Arab workers here are free. The shuk is like our home. We're not afraid. My father's afraid, but not me."

Moments after the double bombing, police ordered Mohammed to go home. He stayed away for a week.

"I missed him," Dan says. "We

shouts have stilled. The rhythmic clamor that makes the souk what it is — "Three for a shekel, I must be crazy!" — is decidedly inappropriate these days. So Mohammed, the egg kid, sits, waits. His ears still ring from the blast, across the alley: he happened to duck at the right time.

"There is peace here. Arabs and Jews, you know, we all helped each other."

Mohammed is a startlingly handsome youth with big, soft brown eyes, dimples, alluring smile. His brother owns this stall, one of the few Arab-owned bastions in Mahaneh Yehuda.

"Sometimes," he says, "people say things against Arabs, and it hurts me to hear it. But the people who work here, they're OK. We're brothers."

He hasn't been working here long enough to be recognized — only two months — but he was unafraid. He took up his position behind the stacks of eggs the next day.

Next door, Eliahu sat stone-still behind pretty pastel-colored mounds of spices. He seemed on the verge of bursting into tears, but he spoke without a trace of passion.

"When you work with people, you don't ask about their politics, their opinions. Arabs, Jews — we know each other as people, just people."

"Even when we shout 'Arabs out!' they understand we don't mean them, we're not shouting at them."

A lady stops at his display and asks if the paprika is fresh. "It's fresh. You can be sure, lady, everything is fresh: our entire stock was

'Afraid? I stayed. People shouted, "Daoud, go home!" But this is our place too, so I stayed.'

eat together. Y'know, people don't understand what we're like here in the souk. We're not racist. No one who works here is racist."

"Anyone who likes Arabs is not a Jew," Ilan retorts, provoking Mohammed. The lad chuckles happily: he seems to enjoy the teasing; he seems not to take the barbs as hatred.

And maybe it's not. Street language has its own inflections. On these streets, Dan doesn't consider Ilan racist, Ilan doesn't think of Mohammed as an Arab, Mohammed likes Ilan. Who can judge?

At the fishmonger nearby, glowing, bearded Mahmud wields a fearful-looking butcher's knife. "Shoppers are afraid of me. You think I care?"

Unlike shy little Muhammed, Mahmud is forthright, even aggressive. "But people who work here, they know me. What, you think they shout bad things to me? They say 'Mahmud, how are you today?' He attacks a pile of fish, aware but unconcerned that he's splashing fish guts on my shirt. "Yeah, all Arabs are guilty!" And finally, he smiles.

His employer, Avner, has the look of a stunned mullet. It's easy to understand why: he stares straight ahead, but out the corner of each eye he can see the carnage inflicted by both bombs. "I was a sandwich," he says.

His friends and neighbors dead and maimed, and he, blessedly lucky to be standing here selling fish: well, Avner, what do you think of the Arabs now?

"You must understand, we don't hate our Arabs."

In better days, 16-year-old Mohammed would have been hurling shoppers with a singsong "Eggs, yalla, eggs, yalla, eggs!" But those familiarly lusty, jocund

thrown out after the bomb."

Daoud, a strapping, handsome 23-year-old who's worked here for the past decade, is sufficiently confident in this environment that he speaks Arabic, loudly. He fingered his beans absentmindedly. "Nobody here is against Arabs."

What's strange is that, even where there is hate, it's an almost harmless hate.

Johnny says he hates Arabs. "I am an extremist. I'm more extreme than Kahane, much more extreme. I believe Arabs should be killed as soon as they're born. We mustn't show we're afraid of them, we can't show fear. I'm not ashamed to say I'm an extremist, that we should kill all the Arabs."

Adel doesn't bat an eyelash. His boss is saying that he, his family, his friends, and all of his people should be piled up like the dead chickens filling their shop, but Adel understands. He smiles.

It's a smile utterly puzzling — placidly demure, maddeningly naive — as if Johnny had just said what a fine boy was he.

Adel, eager, bright and friendly, has been working for Johnny for 10 years, since he was 13. And yes, he's allowed to work with the frightfully sharp knife that could slice the throat of not just a bird but a fulminating hater.

I wasn't sure I heard Johnny correctly, or that Adel had, or perhaps he was joking. But we had, and he wasn't.

Adel was arrested after the bombing, but he's not angry. He says some Arabs were beaten. He's a bit afraid, but not enough to stay away. He says that "the people who did this are heartless," but he doesn't hate them. He says he knows how Johnny feels about his people; but he doesn't hate him either.

"I love him. I love everyone."

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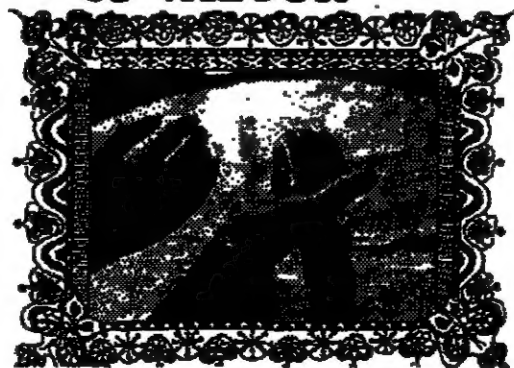
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When left happens to be right

A new book — *Lefty* — lets lefties know they're not left out

BOSTON (AP) — Left-handers make better first basemen. Southpaw boxers have an edge in the ring, too. But for most everything else, right is right and left is just a bit inconvenient.

Now there's a book for every kid who has been reprimanded for smudgy homework, rebuffed when she tried to shake hands the "wrong" way, or forced to play softball with a righty's glove.

Now there's *Lefty*. Natural lefties are no longer forced to scribble awkwardly with their right hands or seen as sinister — the Latin word for left.

But lefty scissors and can openers aside, left-handed children can still feel left out.

Lefty starts off right — left, that is — with its opening cover where the back usually is. It includes scientific explanations of left-handedness, quizzes, and facts that lefties can throw back at their dexterous detractors.

For example: Everybody knows that former Beatle Paul McCartney straps his bass on left-ways. But did you know that

Lefty Babe Ruth signed autographs with his right hand because he had been trained in school that right-handed writing was right.

drummer Ringo Starr was a lefty, too? Seven presidents were lefties: James A. Garfield, Herbert Hoover, Harry S. Truman, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton.

So many athletes are left-handed, a list would take up this whole article: on "Seinfeld" alone, the actors who play Jerry, George and Kramer fit the bill.

Some animals are lefties. No one is sure what makes people become lefties; identical twins sometimes go their separate ways.

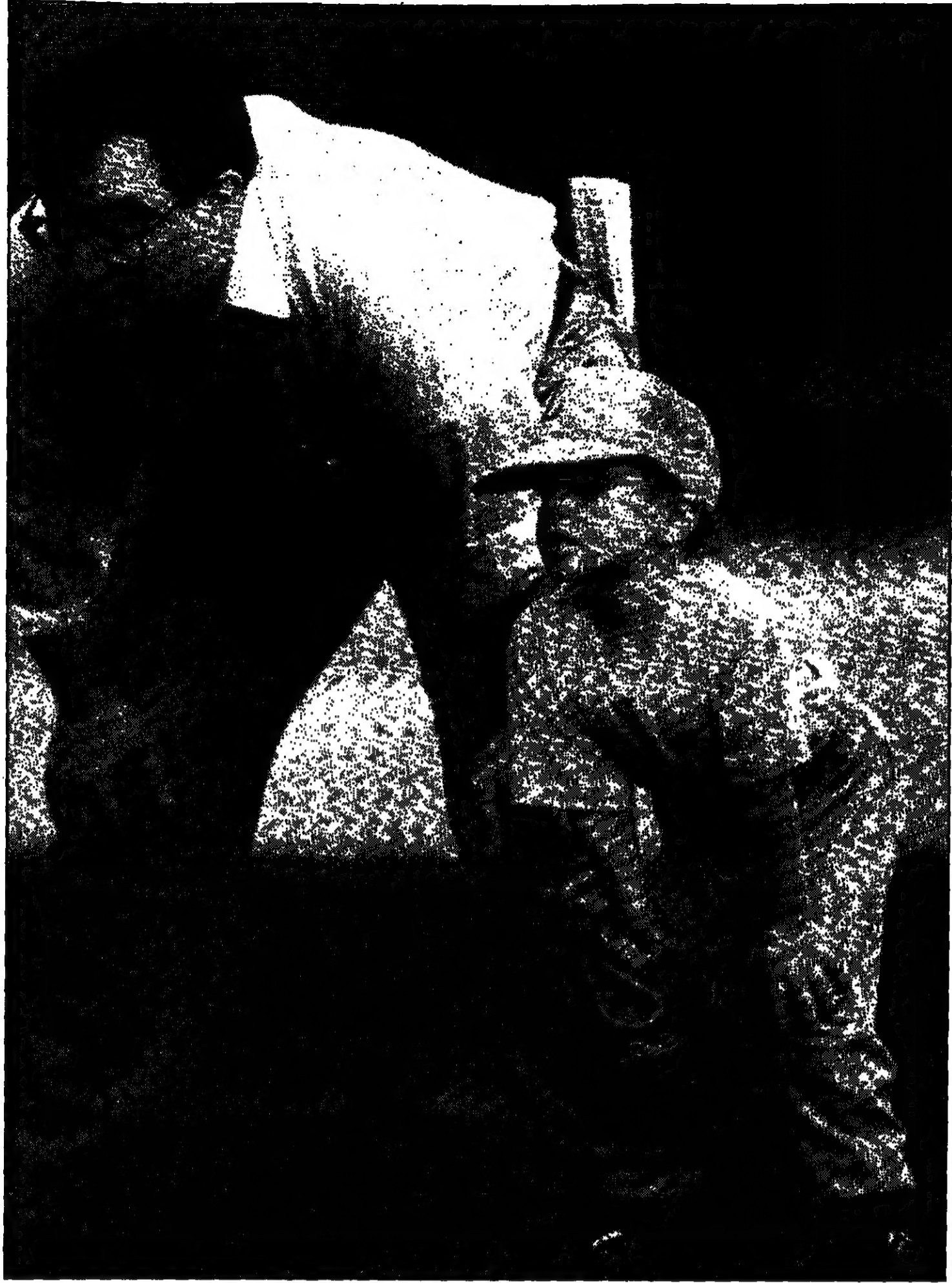
Lefty (64 pages, Planet Dexter) is published by the same division of Addison Wesley Longman that came up with the best-selling "Grossology" series about disgusting bodily functions.

Sales have been modest since a run of 25,000 books came off the presses in May, according to Planet Dexter general manager Jess Brailor. The company expected a boost with International Left-handers Day on Wednesday.

Planet Dexter's principal target audience is made up of the 3.5 million lefties in the US between the ages of 7 and 13.

Some people believe the number of left-handers is on the rise — something to do with older mothers and stressful births and less oxygen to one side of the brain. Just another fact explained in *Lefty*.

Planet Dexter's mission is to



educate children in a fun way," said Beth Wolfensberger Singer, the book's author. "This teaches kids about their body, with a focus on left-handers."

Like the three other people who worked on the team that produced *Lefty*, Singer is right-handed. I've become a lefty watcher now. I notice when someone on

TV is writing with the left hand or wearing their watch on the right," she said. She's also watching her 4-month-old son, Noah, for early

signs of a leftward bent. Few clues, so far.

"So far he's sucking both thumbs at the same time," she said.

Harazi seen as Israel's key against Bulgaria

By ORN LEWIS

Israel coach Shlomo Scharf said he is placing all his faith in striker Ronen Harazi in the World Cup qualifier against Bulgaria on Wednesday.

Harazi, out of international action for almost a year due to injury, is seen as Israel's only trustworthy marksman having scored 19 goals in 36 appearances for the national team.

Bulgaria will host Israel in the group five match which could go a long way towards deciding who qualifies for the finals in France.

Russia top the group with 14 points from six games with Wednesday's protagonists second and third. Israel, bidding to qualify for the finals for only the second time, have 13 points from seven games with Bulgaria a point back but with two games in hand.

Scharf, a man who usually keeps his cards close to his chest until the last moment, announced well in advance of Wednesday's match that Harazi will be his most important player.

Israel must win in order to have any chance of qualifying for the World Cup finals in France next year.

Harazi, who has suffered a series of injuries, joined Salamanca, newly-promoted to the Spanish first division, on a three-year contract worth \$1 million earlier this year.

Scharf has omitted midfielder Itzik Zohar, who is reported to be on the verge of signing for Premier League side Crystal Palace.

Scharf said he had left Zohar out

of the squad, which leaves for Sofia today, because the player chose to travel to London to discuss his contract with Crystal Palace instead of joining the squad at a two-day training camp in Tel Aviv.

"He didn't even bother to tell me of his plans, and in any case, he is not ready for the match," Scharf said.

Defensive midfielder Yossi Abukasis of Betar Jerusalem has been drafted in Zohar's place, as has another Betar player, Alon Harazi.

Other notable omissions from the squad are West Ham's Eyal Berkovic who is suspended after picking up a second yellow card in Israel's last match in the group, a 2-0 loss away to Russia, and Ronnie Rosenthal, who joined Watford earlier this week after a long spell on the bench with Tottenham Hotspur.

Israel: Goalkeepers: Rafi Cohen (Bnei Yehuda), Golan Malul (Maccabi Petah Tikva). Defenders: David Amisalem (Betar Jerusalem), Avishai Janno (Maccabi Haifa), Moshe Giam (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Felix Halfon (Hapoel Tel Aviv), Walid Bdir (Hapoel Petah Tikva), Alon Harazi (Betar Jerusalem), Amir Shelah (Maccabi Tel Aviv). Midfielders: Arik Bannad (Maccabi Haifa), Ran Ben-Shimon (Hapoel Haifa), Avi Nimni (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Tal Benin (Brescia, captain), Yossi Abukasis (Betar Jerusalem), Alon Hazan (Ironi Ashdod). Strikers: Ronen Harazi (Salamanca), Eli Ohana (Betar Jerusalem), Alon Mizrahi (Maccabi Haifa), Haim Revivo (Celta Vigo).

British Results

(No Premier League games played)

Division One: Chelsea 3, Oxford United 2; Crewe 2, West Bromwich Albion 2; Plymouth 3, Hartlepool 1; Reading 0, Swindon 1; Southampton 1, Burnley 0; Wolves 0, Sheffield United 0.

Division Two: Barnet 1, Wigan 0; Brentford 0, Chesham Town 0; Bristol City 2, Blackpool 0; Burnley 0, Gillingham 0; Carlisle 1, Walsley 0; Fleetwood 2, Grimsby 2; Preston 2, Millwall 1; Walsall 1, Shrewsbury 0; Wycombe 0, Northampton 0; York 0, Rotherham 0.

Division Three: Bangor 1, Exeter 2; Brighton 1, Maccabi Tel Aviv 1; Cambridge United 2, Rotherham 1; Doncaster 0, Peterborough 0; Haverhill 1, Colchester 2; Hull 0, Notts County 3; Lincoln 1; Mansfield 0; Rochdale 2; Mansfield 0; Scunthorpe 1; Leyton Orient 0; Torquay 1; Scunthorpe 1.

Football League Cup: Celtic 1, Dunfermline 2; Hearts 4, Aberdeen 1; Motherwell 0, St. Johnstone 1.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING — F. Thomas, Chicago, .346; Ramirez, Cleveland, .334; Salomir, Cleveland, .322; O'Neill, New York, .332; W. Clark, Texas, .331; M. Vaughn, Boston, .330; Justice, Cleveland, .327.

RUNS — Knoblauch, Minnesota, 93; Garcia, Boston, 92; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 88; Jeter, New York, 87; B. Hunter, Detroit, 84; E. Martinez, Seattle, 84; T. Clark, Detroit, 83.

RBI — Martinez, New York, 114; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 110; F. Thomas, Chicago, 87; Salomir, Cleveland, 85; J. Gonzalez, Texas, 84; O'Neill, New York, 83; T. Clark, Detroit, 82.

HITS — Garcia, Boston, 158; Jeter, New York, 148; Greer, Texas, 144; I. Rodriguez, Texas, 143; G. Anderson, Anaheim, 142; C. Gore, Seattle, 142; J. Valentin, Boston, 141.

HOME RUNS — T. Martinez, New York, 39; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 38; McGwire, Oakland, 34; Thome, Cleveland, 32; F. Thomas, Chicago, 28; J. Gonzalez, Texas, 28; B. Hunter, Seattle, 28.

STOLEN BASES — B. Hunter, Detroit, 61; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 48; N. Liron, Toronto, 47; T. Gooden, Texas, 40; V.quez, Cleveland, 33; Durham, Chicago, 25; A. Rodriguez, Seattle, 22.

PITCHING (14 Decisions) — Clemens, Toronto, 18-4, 818, 1.66; R. Johnson, Seattle, 15-4, 800, 2.40; Moyer, Seattle, 12-4, 750, 4.12; Erickson, Baltimore, 14-5, 737, 3.33; D. Wells, New York, 14-5, 737, 3.60; Mussina, Baltimore, 13-5, 722, 3.28; Blair, Detroit, 12-5, 708, 4.12.

STRIKEOUTS — R. Johnson, Seattle, 256; Clemens, Toronto, 215; Cone, New York, 214; Mussina, Baltimore, 181; C. Finley, Anaheim, 162; F. Lirio, Seattle, 145; A. J. Rea, Kansas City, 145.

SAVES — M. Rivera, New York, 38; R. Myers, Baltimore, 35; R. Hernandez, Chicago, 27; Wetteland, Texas, 26; D. Jones, Milwaukee, 24; T. Jones, Detroit, 23; Taylor, Oakland, 21.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING — Gwynn, San Diego, .381; L. Walker, Colorado, .376; Piazza, Los Angeles, .348; Lofton, Atlanta, .343; Joyner, San Diego, .331; McGrath, Chicago, .324; Alfonso, New York, .322.

RUNS — Biggio, Houston, 107; L. Walker, Colorado, 107; Bonds, San Francisco, 88; Galaraga, Colorado, 87; Bagwell, Houston, 85; E. Young, Colorado, 78; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 74; Kent, San Francisco, 74.

RBI — Galaraga, Colorado, 112; Bagwell, Houston, 105; L. Walker, Colorado, 98; Gwynn, San Diego, 98; J. Jones, Atlanta, 94; Kent, San Francisco, 94; Sosa, Chicago, 90.

HITS — Gwynn, San Diego, 171; L. Walker, Colorado, 165; Biggio, Houston, 151; Galaraga, Colorado, 145; Womack, Pittsburgh, 143; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 143; Piazza, Los Angeles, 143.

HOME RUNS — L. Walker, Colorado, 36; Bagwell, Houston, 33; Galaraga, Colorado, 31; Castilla, Colorado, 30; Bonds, San Francisco, 29; Piazza, Los Angeles, 28; H. Hurd, New York, 28; Sosa, Chicago, 26.

STOLEN BASES — Sanders, Cincinnati, 33; P. Martinez, San Diego, 44; DeShields, St. Louis, 42; E. Young, Colorado, 32; Henderson, San Diego, 29; O. Vera, San Diego, 28; McCracken, Colorado, 25; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 25; L. Walker, Colorado, 25; Duston, Chicago, 25.

PITCHING (14 Decisions) — N. Lirio, Atlanta, 16-2, 889, 2.82; Kile, Houston, 16-3, 842, 2.31; G. Maddux, Atlanta, 15-3, 833, 2.31; Estes, San Francisco, 15-4, 788, 2.98; J. Hamilton, San Diego, 10-4, 714, 4.16; P. Martinez, Montreal, 14-6, 700, 1.70; J. Lirio, Montreal, 11-5, 687, 4.22.

STRIKEOUTS — Schilling, Philadelphia, 245; P. Martinez, Montreal, 219; Nomo, Los Angeles, 177; S. Lirio, Atlanta, 172; K. Brown, Florida, 164; A. Benes, St. Louis, 160; Kile, Houston, 158.

SAVES — Beck, San Francisco, 33; Nen, Florida, 30; J. Franco, New York, 30; Hoffman, San Diego, 29; Wohlers, Atlanta, 28; T. Worrell, Los Angeles, 28; Eckersley, St. Louis, 28.

Walker ends slump as Rockies down Mets

McGwire slugs 39th to boost Cards past Braves

DENVER (AP) — Larry Walker came out of an 0-for-16 slump with a two-run homer, his 36th, and Vinny Castilla hit his 30th of the season as the Colorado Rockies beat the New York Mets 6-2 on Friday.

Frank Castillo (9-10) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings, improving to 3-1 since he was acquired from the Chicago Cubs on July 15.

Rick Reed (10-6) lost his second straight start, giving up three runs and eight hits as the Mets lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Marlins 6, Pirates 5
Edgar Renteria's bases-loaded infield single with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning capped a two-run rally Friday night, as Florida won despite stranding 16 runners.

Renteria's slow high-hopper glanced off the glove of hard-charging second baseman Tony Womack near the mound, allowing Gregg Zaun to score without a throw.

Jay Powell (4-2) was the winner, Rich Loiselle (1-3) the loser.

Phillies 5, Astros 1
Rico Brogna homered twice and drove in four runs, and Curt Schilling (13-10) struck out 10 as Philadelphia won on the road.

Brogna hit a solo homer off Chris Holt (7-9) in the fourth and a three-run drive off Russ Springer in the ninth. Mike Cummings broke an eighth-inning tie with an RBI single.

Schilling (13-10) reached double digits in strikeouts for the 13th time this season and the 24th time in his career, raising his league-leading total to 242. He allowed one run and five hits in eight innings.

Cardinals 3, Braves 2 (12)
Mark McGwire hit a tying, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to raise his season total to 39, and Delino DeShields home-

red off Mike Cather (0-3) leading off the 12th.

Tom Glavine, trying for his 150th career win, shut out St. Louis on two singles for eight innings. But Ray Lankford singled to start the ninth and McGwire followed with his fourth home run in four games.

Curtis King (1-0) pitched the 12th and earned his first major league victory, giving the Cardinals only their second win in their last 10 games against Atlanta at Busch Stadium.

Padres 5, Cubs 1
Sterling Hitchcock (8-7) pitched a four-hitter for his first complete game since September 1995, when he led the New York Yankees against Toronto. He struck out three and walked none, pitching his sixth complete game in 97 career starts as San Diego won at home.

John Flaherty and Ken Caminiti hit solo homers, and Wally Joyner and Steve Finley hit sacrifice flies.

Steve Trachsel (5-10) allowed five runs — four earned — and seven hits in five innings.

Giants 6, Expos 2
Slumping Barry Bonds passed his father on San Francisco's career home run list and drove in three runs for the host Giants.

Bonds' 29th homer was his 187th for San Francisco, one more than Bobby Bonds hit. Barry Bonds had been 2-for-35 in his previous 10 games.

Jeff Kent, appealing a three-game suspension handed down earlier in the day, also homered for the Giants.

Kirk Rueter (9-5) allowed just one run and six hits in seven innings. Mike Johnson (0-1) allowed four runs and seven hits in 4½ innings.

Reds 5, Dodgers 3
Mike Remlinger recovered from a shaky start to pitch six strong innings and hit a three-run double as well, leading Cincinnati to a road win.

The Reds loaded the bases with two outs in the fourth and Remlinger cleared them to give his team a 4-3 lead.

Remlinger was hitless in seven previous at-bats this season, and had just one hit and one RBI in 38 at-bats in his career before hitting a liner to right-center off Pedro Astacio (7-9).

Remlinger (6-4), who pitched a four-hitter last Sunday in an 8-1 victory over the Dodgers in Cincinnati, gave up four straight hits in the first inning of this game as Los Angeles took a 3-0 lead.

Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 24th save.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Mariners 8, Orioles 3
Orioles 4, Mariners 3

Ken Cloude earned his first major league win and Alex Rodriguez had two doubles and a homer as visiting Seattle won the nightcap for a split of a day-night doubleheader.

The Orioles followed an electrical outage — which postponed the game from Thursday — with a power surge of their own in the first game, using two long home runs to defeat Randy Johnson 4-3.

Jeff Rebolet hit a solo homer and Jason Giambi added a solo two-run shot for the Orioles, who became the first team to defeat Johnson (16-4) twice in this season.

Ken Griffey Jr. and Jay Buhner homered in the night game as Seattle won for only the second

time in six games, with Griffey hitting his 38th off Jimmy Key (13-7).

Scott Kamieniecki (8-5) won the opener. In the second game, Cloude (1-1) made just his second appearance.

Yankees 5, Rangers 2
Dwight Gooden (6-4) rebounded from his worst start of the season by allowing two runs and four hits in six innings, and Bernie Williams drove in two runs.

Tino Martinez added three hits as the Yankees won for the sixth time in seven games, and Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his major league-leading 38th save.

Terry Clark (1-4) was tagged for five runs and 11 hits in six-plus innings.

Indians 5, Blue Jays 4 (10)
Matt Williams, who had a home run taken away when it was called foul in the sixth, had a game-winning single in the bottom of the 10th off Tim Lincecum (2-3).

Paul Assenmacher (4-0) got three outs in the 10th.

Jim Thome, Brian Giles and Jeff Branson homered as Cleveland took a 4-2 lead into the ninth. Mesa blew his first save chances since getting his closer's job back, victimized by two errors.

Athletics 11, White Sox 6
Matt Stairs hit a three-run homer and Jason Giambi added a solo shot. Mark Bellhorn hit a pair of RBI doubles for visiting Oakland, which has won three straight games and seven of nine.

Jimmy Haynes (1-2), called up July 27, won for the first time in five starts, giving up four runs and five hits in five innings.

James Baldwin (8-13) allowed eight runs and seven hits in five-plus innings. Rookie Mike Cameron drove in four runs for

Chicago, homering twice.

Red Sox 5, Twins 4 (10)
Reggie Jefferson singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 10th, sending Minnesota to its seventh straight loss and 10th in 11 games.

Mo Vaughn opened the Boston 10th with a double off the left-field wall against Eddie Guardado (0-4). Jefferson followed with a single to center that scored pinch-runner Mike Benjamin.

Kerry Lacy (1-1) was the winner.

Royals 5, Tigers 3
Bip Roberts hit a two-run single as Kansas City scored four unearned runs in the second inning. Jermaine Dye homered for the second straight day as visiting Kansas City won for just the third time in 11 games.

Damon Easley homered for the Tigers, who have lost three straight and five of six.

Glendon Rusch (5-8) won his second straight start after losing his previous six decisions, allowing three runs and five hits in five-plus innings.

Jeff Montgomery pitched a one-hit ninth for his ninth save.

Justin Thompson (11-9) allowed five runs — only one earned — and nine hits in 6½ innings.

Angels 5, Brewers 3
Chuck Finley (13-6) won his career-best 10th straight start since June 27, allowing three runs and eight hits in seven innings as Milwaukee won at home.

Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his 20th save.

Rickey Henderson, acquired from San Diego for three players on Wednesday and 0-for-5 in his Anaheim debut Thursday, walked three times and singled. He scored two runs and stole a base. Anaheim went ahead 3-2 in the fifth on Dave Hollins' second RBI of the game off Bryce Florie (3-4).

National League					American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	75	48	.610	—	Baltimore	74	43	.632	—
Florida	70	53	.568	3½	New York	72	48	.600	3½
New York	67	54	.554	4	Boston	60	63	.489	17
Montreal	60	60	.500	9	Toronto	58	61	.487	17
Philadelphia	43	75	.364	19	Detroit	56	65	.463	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	57	53	.519	—	Cleveland	52	56	.525	—
Pittsburgh	59	52	.528	5½	Chicago	58	51	.529	4½
St. Louis	55	56	.498	9	Milwaukee	57	62	.479	5½
Cincinnati	53	57	.482	11	Kansas City	50	68	.424	12
Chicago	49	74	.398	16	Minnesota	51	70	.421	12½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	69	54	.561	—	Anaheim	68	53	.562	—
Los Angeles	66	54	.551	2½	Seattle	67	53	.558	1
San Diego	59	63	.484	9	Texas	56	63	.473	10
Colorado	58	64	.476	10½	Oakland	50	73	.407	19

Friday's NL results: Philadelphia 5, Houston 1; Florida 6, Pittsburgh 5; St. Louis 3, Atlanta 2 (12); Colorado 6, NY 2; San Diego 5, Chicago 1; San Francisco 6, Montreal 2; Cincinnati 5, Los Angeles 3.

Thursday's NL results: San Francisco 7, Chicago 3; Los Angeles 1, Montreal 0; San Diego 5, Cincinnati 4 (10); NY 6, St. Louis 2.

Friday's AL results: Baltimore 4, Seattle 3 (1st); Seattle 8, Baltimore 3 (2nd); Boston 5, Minnesota 4 (10); Kansas City 5, Detroit 3; Cleveland 5, Toronto 4 (10); NY 5, Texas 2; Anaheim 5, Milwaukee 3; Oakland 11, Chicago 6.

Thursday's AL results: Anaheim 5, Milwaukee 3; Oakland 11, Chicago 6; Cleveland 12, Detroit 1; NY 10, Kansas City 5; Seattle at Baltimore, ppd., power failure; Oakland 12, Chicago 5.

South Africa qualify for World Cup

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Phil Masinga scored after 14 minutes and South Africa held on to beat Republic of Congo 1-0 yesterday and advance to the World Cup soccer finals for the first time.

A sellout crowd of more than 80,000, including Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and about 30 government ministers and various deputies, was on hand at FNB Stadium, just outside Soweto,

for what was touted as one of the biggest sporting events in South African history.

The soccer-mad country emerged from decades of international isolation over apartheid only five years ago and had virtually ground to a halt by kick-off of the nationally televised match.

The victory set off a wild celebration, both inside and outside the stadium. A huge fireworks display followed the

final whistle, and thousands of balloons were released. Fans jumped over a moat surrounding the field to congratulate the players.

Outside, car horns honked and cheering fans paraded through the streets.

President Nelson Mandela went on TV to congratulate the team, which will be heading to France for next year's competition.

The two teams had been tied for first in

Africa Group 3.

Republic of Congo won the first-round match 2-0 in April at Pointe-Noire, but the South African defense was stifling and got its second straight shutout.

South Africa had the best of early possession yesterday, and it paid off with 14 minutes gone when Doctor Khumalo made a steal at midfield and fed a streaking Masinga down the right side.

He fired a dipping shot that slipped over the outstretched hand of goalie Brice Samba and just under the crossbar.

As people went indoors to watch on television, mid-afternoon traffic dropped off noticeably throughout the country. One of the only problems developed in Soweto, the sprawling black township adjacent to the stadium, where a partial power outage forced people to scramble

to find other sites for viewing.

As darkness set in, people poured into the streets, dancing and whistling, as the celebration promised to go long into the night.

South Africa joins Morocco, Nigeria and Tunisia as four of the five representatives from the African continent. Other countries which are guaranteed entry are host France and defending champions Brazil.

All Blacks capture 2nd straight Tri-Nations championship

DUNEDIN, NZ (Reuters) — New Zealand's All Blacks beat Australia 36-24 yesterday to win their second successive Tri-Nations series and extend their clean sweep this season to eight tests in a row.

But after a bulldozing first half, with 36 points unanswered by the Australian visitors, the seemingly unstoppable All Blacks ran out of steam and only just survived a late Wallaby recovery.

The favorites dropped back to concede four tries, as a stiff breeze down the Carisbrook ground meant all the points were scored in one direction only — with the wind.

After eight straight wins in their southern hemisphere, New Zealand have confirmed they are the main contenders for the world crown, but their home finish was a disappointment.

Captain John Hart said the game reflected "the difficult nature of that first 40 minutes — it would have been nice to have done it for 80 — so maybe in November in the UK we can show them how we play 80 minutes of rugby," he told reporters.

Alongside Cullen, the All Blacks' other outstanding figure

was again flyhalf Carlos Spencer, one of a group of Auckland players at the heart of the New Zealand line-up.

He kicked 21 points in the first half, from five penalties and three conversions from tries by Taine Randell, Cullen and scrum half Justin Marshall.

New Zealand: 15-Christian Cullen; 14-Jeff Wilson, 13-Frank Bunce, 12-Alama Ieremia, 11-Glen Osborne; 10-Carlos Spencer, 9-Justin Marshall (18-Offa Tona'u, 65th minute); 8-Zinzan Brooke, 7-Josh Kronfeld, 6-Taine Randell, 5-Ian Jones (20-Mark Allen), 4-Robin Brooke, 3-Olo Brown, 2-Sean Fitzpatrick (captain), 1-Craig Dowd.

Australia: 15-Stephen Larkham; 14-Ben Tune, 13-Jason Little, 12-James Horne, 11-Joe Roff (16-Mitch Hardy, 70th); 10-David Knox, 9-George Gregan; 8-Troy Coker, 7-David Wilson (captain).

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Australia 3 3 0 0 74 88 6
South Africa 3 0 0 3 57 122 2
(Four points for a win, two for a draw, none for a loss; one point for scoring four or more tries in a match, one point for losing by seven or fewer points)

Betar blast 5 past Maccabi Haifa

By DEREK FATTAL

With the national squad Sofia-bound today, the weekend saw a break in league action. Instead the fans were provided with the second round of Toto Cup group play.

There was no disputing the big match of the round. Over 5,000 fans passed through the turnstiles at Teddy Stadium yesterday to watch National League champions Betar Jerusalem beat current league leaders Maccabi Haifa 5-2 in a Group 1 fixture.

The Haifaites had the better of a first half which ended with the sides two goals apiece after Alon Mizrahi had opened the scoring in the 17th minute, only for Yossi Abukis to level with a penalty four minutes later. Nir Sevia then put the Betaris in the lead, but Haifa captain Sergei Kandourv restored the balance before the break.

In the second half, the Jerusalemites upped the ante and Sevia got onto the scoresheet again in the 65th minute. The salt was rubbed into Maccabi's wounds when Hungarians Istvan Pishont and Istvan Hamar both got a goal in the last 10 minutes of the game.

In the other Group 1 match from Rishon LeZion came back from behind to beat Hapoel Tel Aviv 2-1 at Bloomfield.

Group 2 saw Maccabi Tel Aviv get the better of Bnei Yehuda with a 2-0 victory, while Hapoel Petah Tikva ended 2-1 winners at home to Maccabi Herzliya thanks to a goal two minutes from time by Manor Hassan.

Reuven Atar and Yossi Malka found the back of the net to give Hapoel Haifa its first points in Group 3 with a 2-0 victory over Hapoel Beit She'an. In their previous match Haifa lost 5-1 to Hapoel Beersheba whose match against Hapoel Ashkelon has been rescheduled to a later date as the southerners were still in transit following Thursday's European Cup Winners' preliminary match in Latvia.

Hapoel Kfar Sava retained their 100 percent record in Group 4 with a 2-1 win over Hapoel Jerusalem on Friday as Santos Washington supplied the match-winner.

Maccabi Petah Tikva remain in second position with a 2-0 away victory against Ironi Ashdod.

Toto Cup Round 2
Hapoel Tel Aviv 1, Ironi Rishon LeZion 2; Betar Jerusalem 5, Maccabi Haifa 2; Maccabi Tel Aviv 2, Bnei Yehuda 0; Hapoel Petah Tikva 2, Maccabi Herzliya 1; Hapoel Haifa 2, Hapoel Beit She'an 0; Hapoel Kfar Sava 2, Hapoel Jerusalem 1; Ironi Ashdod 0, Maccabi Petah Tikva 2.

Love leads in third round of PGA Championship

MAMARONECK, NY (Reuters) — Davis Love used back-to-back birdies to overtake Lee Janzen and lead the third round of the PGA Championship by two strokes yesterday with nine holes to play on an extremely hot, humid day.

Love, one of the best players never to have won a major championship, birdied the fifth hole, where he just missed an eagle putt, to catch halfway leader Janzen, and then jumped two ahead when he birdied the next hole while Janzen made bogey.

The 33-year-old Love made the turn at five under par, two shots ahead of not only Janzen but also Phil Mickelson and British Open champion Justin Leonard, who were both a couple of holes ahead.

Tiger Woods, US Ryder Cup captain Tom Kite, Jeff Maggert and Shigeki Maruyama of Japan were all at one under par as no one was able to sustain a charge at famous Winged Foot Golf Club in conditions that resembled a steam-bath.

Mickelson, who gave up three strokes in two holes on the front nine with a double bogey at the par-5 fifth hole and a bogey at the next, birdied the first two holes on the back nine to move within two shots of Love.

Leonard, whose brilliant short game helped him survive the first two rounds, birdied the third hole

and then made nine consecutive pars to keep pace.

The discomfort caused by the weather was difficult enough but the heat also made famed Winged Foot's 6,987-yard, par-70 West Course play much harder, especially for the late players.

It dried out the greens and fairways which had been softened by rain the day before the championship began.

The leaders also had to contend with breezes that blew up in the late afternoon as thunderstorms loomed in the distance.

Woods, who opened the tournament with a pair of even-par 70s, continued to draw big galleries among the 25,000 spectators — who appreciated the shade of Winged Foot's tree-lined fairways.

The 21-year-old Masters champion, who started the day four shots behind, jumped into contention with an eagle at the 540-yard 12th hole, where he hit driver and 7-iron and sank the putt to go to two under par.

Woods, however, gave a shot back on the next hole, a 212-yarder, where his tee shot strayed way left and his next landed in a greenside bunker. Only a brilliant blast saved him from a double bogey, which would have been his second of the day.

He took the double bogey on the 460-yard fourth hole, where Winged Foot's long rough got the best of him.

Woods drove into the ankle-deep rough and barely touched the ball on his second shot, advancing it only about 10 yards. He missed the green with his third and settled for a six.

The early starters had the best playing conditions and several look advantage.

Colin Montgomerie of Britain, Frank Nobilo of New Zealand and American Scott McCarron all shot 67 — one off the course record — in the morning. It was the first time for each to break par in the championship.

They were all at two-over-par 212 — one better than Tim Herron (68) and two better than Australians Steve Elkington (70) and Stuart Appleby (69) and Tom Byrum (70) among the early sweat-soaked finishers. Elkington won this championship in 1995 in a playoff with Montgomerie.

Montgomerie, another of the world's best players not to have won a major, struggled with his swing all tournament and he was not too optimistic about his chances here.

Tomorrow everything must be brilliant if I'm to win," he said. "But it looks like another empty year for me as far as majors are concerned."

Among the players who struggled in the morning was US Open champion Ernie Els of

Kipketer wins 800 at Monte Carlo

MONTE CARLO, (AP) — Wilson Kipketer won the 800 meters in a return to the track at the Herculis Monte Carlo Grand Prix meet yesterday, easily, but far off his new world record.

In other events, Tim Montgomery of the US beat new world champion Maurice Greene in the 100 and Daniel Komen, the world 5,000 champion, dropped down to the 1,500 and won in 3:29.46.

Russian players bring Stanley Cup to Moscow

KEEPER OF THE CUP — Vyacheslav Fetisov, who accompanied the Stanley Cup to Russia, signs autographs in Moscow. (Reuters)

MOSCOW (AP) — The most prominent passenger on Delta Flight 30 from New York yesterday was short, stout and 106 years old — hockey's Stanley Cup, arriving in Moscow on a triumphant tour arranged by the Detroit Red Wings' Russian stars.

"It's a great moment in my life and in the life of Russian fans," said Vyacheslav Fetisov, one of five Russian players on the Red Wings' championship team, after arrival at Moscow's Sheremetevo Airport.

About 15 fans stood in a cool rain to watch three of the Russian Red Wings emerge from the plane and carry the cup out onto the tarmac for its five-day visit.

With Fetisov were teammates Igor Larionov and Vyacheslav Kozlov.

It was an emotional moment for the Russian players, who are carrying on their country's great hockey tradition on another continent. Russian hockey has been badly depleted by the National Hockey League, which has recruited the best of its players.

Many Russians now follow NHL scores more closely than those of Russian teams. The Red Wings, with the strongest Russian contingent ever in the NHL, attracted an especially strong following here.

"Regardless of where we play, we always represent the Russian people," Larionov said after meeting with Russian Olympic officials.

The NHL allows each player on a championship team to keep the Stanley Cup for two days. The five Russian players each contributed one of their days to

the cup's tour of their homeland.

One of the five, Vladimir Konstantinov, remains in a Detroit-area hospital for treatment of injuries he suffered in a near-fatal car accident in June. Fetisov was also injured in the crash, but has recovered enough to have participated in a scrimmage Friday, and to help escort the cup to Moscow.

A fifth player, Sergei Fedorov, decided not to join his teammates for the trip.

Shortly after arrival at the airport, the cup was taken to the Central Army Sports Club, where it was shown off for young hockey players. The club, for which Fetisov played for 10 years, owns one of Russia's greatest hockey legacies.

Then it accompanied the players to a meeting with Vitaly Smirnov, president of Russia's Olympic committee. Larionov and the others indicated they would be honored to play on Russia's Olympic team in Nagano in 1998 — the first Olympics in which NHL players will be free to take part.

Today, the cup is slated to be taken to Red Square, a place not hitherto associated with hockey history. Tomorrow it is scheduled to have audiences with Mayor Yuri Luzhkov and President Boris Yeltsin, and appear before a predicted 100,000 hockey fans at newly rebuilt Luzhnik Stadium.

On Tuesday, the cup is to visit the famed Soviet hockey academy at Voskresensk, about 80 kilometers from Moscow, where most of Russia's best hockey players have been trained.

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WALL STREET REPORT

Dow plummets

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow

Jones Industrial Average sank more than 247 points on Friday as computer-driven selling and fears that the bull market has overvalued stocks sent prices spiraling.

On Wall Street, the Dow ended 247.37 points down to 7,694.66, a drop of 3.1 percent - its lowest level in nearly seven weeks in a decisive plunge that annihilated Thursday's modest gains.

The retreat pulled the Dow nearly 550 points back from its record high of 8,259.31 just seven sessions earlier.

Since then the roller coaster market has dipped and risen on an overall downward trend, with the closing Dow figure changing

directions three times.

The decline was due at least in part to computer-driven selling typical of "double witching" days such as Friday, when options contracts expire on stocks and stock indexes.

Some investors attributed the decline to an overdue correction of a recent run that made many blue chip and other stocks overvalued.

Investors are concerned that the economy may be accelerating at a pace that could rekindle higher inflation. A fresh surge in the seven-year-old economic expansion could prompt Fed policy-makers to put on the inflation brakes by pushing up interest rates when it meets next week.

"We keep looking for inflation," said John Snyder, executive vice president of John Hancock Funds.

Key Representative Rates

US Dollar	NIS 3.52	-0.28%
Swiss Franc	NIS 5.0112	+0.38%
Mark	NIS 1.909	-0.88%

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

DJ Industrial	7694.66	-247.37
DJ Transport	204.54	-3.57
DJ Utility	298.15	-2.8
DJ Midcap	2424.36	-55.57
DJ Smallcap	204.54	-3.57
DJ Tech	204.54	-3.57
DJ Energy	204.54	-3.57
DJ Health	204.54	-3.57
DJ Telecom	204.54	-3.57
DJ Chemical	204.54	-3.57
DJ Food	204.54	-3.57
DJ Retail	204.54	-3.57
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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Offenbach's charming operetta *La Grande Duchesse* is tonight's offering of the Israel Vocal Arts Institute summer opera program. 8 at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv.

TELEVISION

CALEV BEN-DAVID

Although the directorial chores of *True Romance* (Channel 2 at 11:48 tonight) were handled by the slick Tony (Top Gun) Scott, it is screenwriter Quentin Tarantino's hand which dominates this romance-thriller starring Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette as young lovers who tip off the mob. All the typical Tarantino touches are here: loopy dialogue filled with obscure pop culture references, bloody violence mixed with black humor and memorably eccentric, if improbable, characters (Gary Oldman as a white Rastafarian pimp). Although no *Pulp Fiction*, *True Romance* is worth seeing if only for an unforgettable encounter between the reigning bad guys of American cinema, Dennis Hopper and Christopher Walken.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ **MEN IN BLACK** - Barry Sonnenfeld's playfully off-beat parody of the Marlon movie genre stars Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith as nattily dressed officers in a top-secret agency designed to keep track of all alien life forms currently residing on planet Earth. The funniest thing about the film, which was written by Ed Solomon from a comic book by Lowell Cunningham, is its crisply matter-of-fact approach to good old worldly law and order. There's something at once knowing and rather resigned about the practical, slightly archaic way in which the MIBs go about their work - cruising their beat, drinking coffee from paper cups, pulling over alien-owned cars to check the driver's license and registration... Clearly, the universe is too vast and mysterious a place to be

policed effectively by a few deputized mortals in a gas-guzzling Plymouth. But the agents do what they can to keep the peace, and their actions come to seem logical in a loopy, deadpan way: of course there are Martians on the streets of New York, and of course someone high-up must know about it. The movie pokes gentle fun at conspiracy theories at the same time that it honors them. With Linda Fiorentino, who doesn't have enough to do as a leggy concubine in distress (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised).

★★★ **MICROCOSMOS** - This small nature documentary focuses in amazing close-up on the insects, flowers, frogs, and birds in and around a French field. Aside from a few expository sentences spoken by an off-screen narrator, it has no script - and offers no explanations - whatsoever. For an hour and a quarter, we watch this little world from a bug's-eye view, an experience which is at times quite remarkable. The images, one by one, are some of the most astounding you will ever see on screen, moving as they do through a phenomenal parade of nearly sublime shifts in scale. As movie qua movie, *Microcosmos* is weakened by kitsch celestial music, misty-eyed shots of the meadows and moon, and the disappointing readiness of filmmakers Claude Nuridsany and Marie Perennou to resort to story-telling gimmicks and cheap personifications. But in the end, it doesn't really matter. The film brims with so much natural wonder, it's possible to overlook these cinematic shortcomings and just oggle the ladybugs. (General audiences.)

TV

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

6:00 Cartoons
10:00 Eric's World
10:30 The Intrepid
11:00 A Matter of Time
11:30 Hot Science
12:10 A.L. Time
Traveller
13:00 Cartoons (rpt)
15:10 The Story of Read Aloud-Dead Aloud - English program

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Zappy Wave
15:33 Denver, the Last Dinosaur
15:50 Super Ben
16:00 Heartbreak High
16:45 Super Ben
16:59 A New Evening
17:24 Zappy Wave
18:10 Super Ben
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Amel and Kamel Studio
18:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

18:30 News flash
18:31 Home Improvement
18:32 The World
18:33 News in Arabic
18:34 News in Russian
18:35 News in Hebrew
18:36 News in English
18:37 News in Arabic
18:38 News in Russian
18:39 News in Hebrew
18:40 News in English

CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's programs
6:30 Rainbow Children
6:35 This Morning
6:40 The Michael
6:45 Sonoma
6:49 Alice in Wonderland
11:42 Enchanted Journey
11:43 Jerry and the Captain
12:30 Pletius
12:31 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
12:32 Degrassi J. High
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15:28 Medison
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different David
17:00 News magazine
17:30 Click
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NEWS

in brief

Turkey, Israel, US to hold joint maneuvers

ANKARA, Turkey — Navy exercises involving Israel, Turkey and the United States are planned for October, the semi-official Anatolia news agency said Friday.

A foreign ministry spokesman would neither confirm nor deny the report, which quoted diplomatic sources.

The maneuvers could set off criticism from Arab countries already concerned about the growing Israeli-Turkish alliance.

Turkey says that the exercises aren't aimed against any country. The maneuvers will focus on search and rescue practice in case of accidents or natural disasters. AP

Zak gave Hussein copy of his book

During Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's summit with King Hussein in Akaba last Wednesday, veteran Israeli journalist Moshe Zak, a contributor to The Jerusalem Post, presented a copy of his new book entitled, Hussein Makes Peace, to the Jordanian monarch.

Zak gave Hussein the book's Hebrew edition, published by Bar-Ilan University's BESA Institute, and a chapter published in English by London's Israel Affairs magazine.

"It was a pleasure meeting you," Hussein told Zak. "Please come to see me again."

The book reveals the secret contacts Hussein held with Israeli leaders over three decades before the 1994 peace treaty. Jay Bushinsky

Antiquities Authority: Wakf construction illegal

The Wakf is carrying out illegal construction on the Temple Mount, Antiquities Authority head Amir Drori said on Friday. With donations and volunteer labor, the Wakf is repaving the area above Solomon's Stables, he said. There were problems last winter there with dampness and leaks. Instead of stopping the construction outright, Drori suggested that the government prevent the construction material from being brought into the area and bar volunteer laborers with Israeli citizenship from the Temple Mount. Itim

Dig begins at Tel e-Safi today

A team of Bar-Ilan and Hebrew University archeologists hopes to uncover ancient Philistine remains and a 12th-century Crusader fortress in excavations that begin at Tel e-Safi today.

Tel e-Safi is identified as ancient Gath, one of the five cities of the Philistines, and is situated in the Elah Valley, not far from Kibbutz Kfar Menahem. It was settled from as early as the fifth millennium BCE until 1948, when an Arab village there was abandoned. Jerusalem Post Staff

Shahak: Army service motivation is up

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

In recent months, there have been signs of increased motivation to serve in the army, thanks to educational efforts by the IDF and the Education Ministry, according to Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

In a brochure entitled "Challenges Facing Youth in the State of Israel's 50th Year," published by the ministry and sent to all schools prior to the opening of the school year, Shahak wrote: "In the most recent draft we have seen very encouraging signs of changes in motivation and, if they continue, we can even speak of a radical change for the good." The educational efforts have led the youth "to understand and respond, and respond correctly," he wrote.

Shahak said the major motivational problems were now with reservists, "but here too we are seeing a very welcome change in

public behavior."

Writing in the same brochure, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said the nation has "wonderful young people" who should be given a chance to establish their own values, add to them and formulate them with the help of adults.

Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell wrote in the brochure that the problem with those accused of lack of motivation was sometimes in their homes. He said parents sometimes ask their children: "Why should you volunteer?" thereby undermining their willingness to do so. OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer agreed, saying motivation "starts with one's parents."

An Education Ministry team is soon to make recommendations to Hammer on how to best encourage motivation among youngsters to perform meaningful service in the IDF.

Moonie-linked conference is on

By LARRY DERFNER

The College of Judea and Samaria will host, as planned, a conference on Jewish identity this week, even though the conference's financial sponsors are the Moonies — followers of the Christian missionary cult leader, Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

"I feel uncomfortable, a little unpleasant about it," acknowledged Dr. Ya'acov Eshel, director of the college's research institute, which sets up the conferences on the campus in Ariel.

Eshel said he learned about a week ago from Jewish anti-cult activists in the US that the sponsor of the conference, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, was connected to Moon.

Moon's organization has been found to use coercive psychological tactics to attract and hold followers. Members have total adulation for Moon. Yet Eshel said he decided to go

ahead with the four-day conference, starting tomorrow and titled "Contemporary Reflections on Jewish Identity," after its co-organizers — two observant Jewish professors from the US — assured him that Moon's group would have no influence on the event.

"They said they were given a completely free hand to shape the conference as they wished, to invite whomever they wanted, and to publish the papers as they saw fit. It has been organized on a purely academic basis," Eshel maintained. He added that to the best of his knowledge nobody from Moon's organization is attending, and missionary activity will not take place.

Most of the 30 or so participants — mainly from the US and Europe, with one or two from Israel — are observant Jews, he noted. They began arriving over the weekend at the hotel in Ariel.

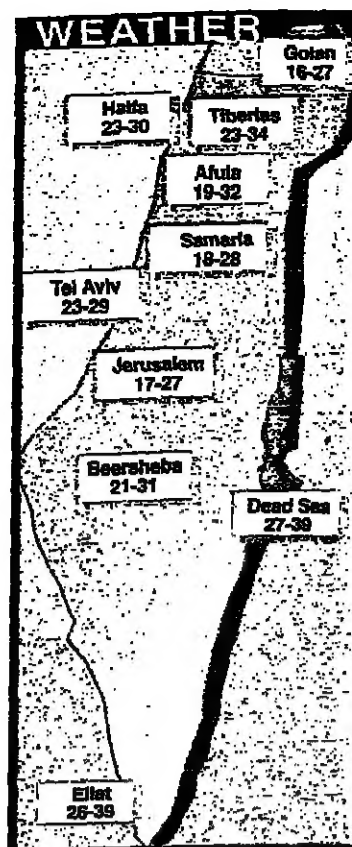
The co-organizers — Charles Selengut, professor of religion at Drew University in New

Jersey, and Jonathan Helfand, professor of Jewish studies at Brooklyn College — did not return calls for interviews.

Eshel said Selengut approached him about the conference about three months ago. "When I saw the name of the sponsor, I thought they might be some sort of 'peaceniks,'" Eshel said. "I asked Selengut if there was any political slant to the conference, and he said no. He said they were completely kosher."

Eshel said the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace's declared intention is "to promote understanding between religions." He noted that the group has sponsored two previous conferences in Europe addressing issues in religions other than Judaism.

Asked if he would have agreed to host the conference had he known that Moon was sponsoring it, Eshel replied: "I can't say if I would have agreed or not. What I can say is that I would have made further inquiries before deciding."



Swiss commission appeals for wartime witnesses

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — An international commission investigating Switzerland's war-time dealings with Nazi Germany has appealed for witnesses to help shed more light on the past.

It called on anyone with information — such as bank employees, civil servants, railway staff, and refugee workers, or anyone who had contact with foreigners — to get in touch.

The independent commission, headed by Swiss historian Jean-Francois Bergier, was set up last December following international pressure.

It is meant to investigate charges that neutral Switzerland collaborated with the Nazis on a massive scale, laundered looted gold, and was a transit point for slave labor and Jews headed for concentration camps.

A huge amount of historical archives already exist. But for decades the official view was that tiny Switzerland avoided invasion by neighboring Germany because of its neutrality and strong defenses.

The commission's panel includes Israeli, British, American, and Polish experts. Bergier says its work may take up to five years.

The Swiss government wants to await the commission's findings before it decides on whether to pay compensation to Holocaust victims or their heirs.

As of tomorrow, witnesses can contact the commission by mail, at P.O. Box 362, 3000 Bern 6, Switzerland, or fax at (00-41) 31-325-12-38.

Letters should be marked, Switzerland — Second World War, historical witness.

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Los Angeles	20	69	77
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Moscow	10	48	60
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Rome	13	55	61
Sydney	20	67	75
Tokyo	19	66	74
Toronto	15	58	68
Vienna	15	58	68

Winning cards

In Friday's Chance drawing, the winning cards were the queen of spades, king of hearts, 10 of diamonds and 10 of clubs.

Live shell on display at rest stop

Kushi Rimmon's rest stop in the South has all sorts of weird attractions: a motorcycle with a skeleton rider; a megalith with a full-grown tiger; and — until last week — a live 155 millimeter artillery shell.

The shell was brought to the desert watering place about two years ago by a friend who found it on a nearby army training ground, Rimmon said on Friday.

The rest stop, which has a gas station and a restaurant, is popular with travelers on their way to Eilat. But this week, one visitor noticed that the shell — standing in the middle of Rimmon's billiard room — was armed.

Not wanting to cause a panic, he photographed it from all angles and took the pictures to the police, who ordered Kushi to evacuate the entire site immediately.

A bomb squad took the shell over the nearest hill and detonated it by remote control. (AP)

Volcker under fire for sitting on Nestle board

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Paul Volcker, the head of the Jewish-Swiss committee that is overseeing the audit of Swiss banks, has come under fire from lawyers suing the banks because he sits on the board of the Swiss conglomerate Nestle, along with banking officials.

The counsel for the Volcker Committee, formed by the World Jewish Restitution Organization and the Swiss Bankers Association, on Friday dismissed any suggestion of impropriety.

"It's long been known by everyone involved that Paul Volcker has been a member of the Nestle board," the committee's counsel, Michael Bradfield, told The Jerusalem Post on Friday. "It has nothing to do with the [committee's] investigation and only distracts from the important work that the committee has to do — to find the accounts of victims of Nazi persecution."

The other 14 directors of Nestle — which owns a significant percentage of Osem — include Robert Studer, the chairman of the Union Bank of Switzerland; Rainer Gut, chairman of Credit Suisse; and Georges Blum, chairman of the Swiss Bank Corporation. Their banks are being audited by the Volcker Committee and also are defendants in three class-action lawsuits filed in US federal court by Holocaust survivors.

"Mr. Volcker's presence on the Nestle board raises a lot of questions as to his ability to remain impartial in these highly sensitive

proceedings," lawyer Mel Urbach said, the weekly Forward reported in Friday's editions.

Urbach represents the World Council of Orthodox Jewish Communities, a haredi coalition of primarily Satmar Hassidim that filed the third suit.

The lawsuits indirectly are related to the Volcker Committee's audit of Holocaust-era assets in Swiss banks. The suits, which were filed several months after the committee was formed, inherently challenged the mandate of the committee, on the grounds that it is too narrow.

The suits also questioned the legitimacy of the WJRO and the World Jewish Congress to represent Jewish interests.

The World Council also has accused the WJRO of misrepresenting survivors' claims, and last April issued a summons for the WJRO to face a *bet din* (religious court) in Brooklyn, with the intent of having the WJRO cease all "unauthorized" activities.

A federal judge is now deciding whether to allow the suits against the banks to proceed. Lawyers representing the Swiss banks have argued that the suits should be dismissed, contending that they duplicate the work of the Volcker Committee. Volcker also has come out against the suits, saying they could cripple his committee's ability to do its job.

In addition to conducting an audit, the committee is in the midst of forming a "claims adjudication panel" to resolve claims for dormant assets in Swiss banks.

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